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The Who's Who of the 1941 Golden Gloves Finals

Following are sketches and Tournament of Champions records of the 32 boys who will meet tomorrow night in the Chicagoland Golden Gloves semi-finals and finals in the Stadium:

112 POUND CLASS.

Jesse Gonzalez of the Fort Worth, 'ex., team is a 17 year old student t Allen academy in Bryan, Tex., vhich is about 100 miles northwest f his home town, Houston. Jesse is f Spanish descent. Boxing is the nly sport he goes in for and he's hac quick success at that. He's been a' for only 18 months. He's more in erested in his education now thar nything else. Tournament of Cham ions record: Two knockouts and ecision.

Paul Carbetta works in a Mansfielc)., florist shop and his big ambitio s to be the proprietor some day. Th 12 pound member of the Clevelan eam is 19 years old. He was bor f Italian parents in Washington, Pa During his three years of boxin; aul won several tournaments in Ohi owns where he has been working Ie took the Marion title in 1938 and von in Galion the following year. 'ournament of Champions record: 'our decisions.

Tommy Nate is a persistent little ellow from South Bend, Ind. He ame up to Chicago for last year's 'ournament of Champions and was eaten by Harold Dade, the ultimate vinner, in the quarter-finals. His rother, Joe, represented South Bend n Golden Gloves six years ago. nother brother, George, was a proessional fighter. This Italian boy's est weapon is a strong left hook. 'ournament of Champions record: 'hree decisions.

Harold Dade of Chicago is the deending flyweight champion. Dade egan showing his boxing talents vhen he won the Catholic Youth rganization novice title in 1939. He ept going right up and is now one f the most skillful amateur boxers n the game. He's 17 years old. He lays baseball and swims well, too, aving won the novice swimming title f the South Side Boys' club some ears ago. He's had quite a few jobs ut at present is unemployed. Tournanent of Champions record: One knockut, two decisions.

118 POUND CLASS.

Richard Menchaca of Fort Worth, 'ex., is the defending bantamweight hampion. He's a schoolmate of esse Gonzalez at Allen academy n Bryan, Tex, Menchaca, who is 8 years old, was born in Mexico. Ie's been boxing for about five years. Ie also goes in for baseball and basketball at school. Tournament of Champions record: Two knockouts, one decision.

Eugene Joyce of Gary comes from a family of Golden Gloves fighters. His brother, Willie, won the featherweight championship in 1937 and another brother, Jimmy, went to the finals last year in the bantamweight class, being beaten by Menchaca. Gene hopes to square accounts with the defending champion tomorrow night. Gene is 18 years old and attends Roosevelt High school in Gary. He has ambitions for a coaching career. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Morton Graves is a barber shop porter in Des Moines, Ia. During his high school days he was a member of the All-State football team for three years. His ambition is to become a musician. He's been boxing for four years and is a veteran of Golden Gloves competition. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Ray Brown is one of Chicago's representatives. This Catholic Youth organization boxer is a senior at Du Sable High school. He has won championships in C. Y. O. and Illinois Athletic club tournaments and was a member of last year's intercity Golden Gloves team. He's quite a swimmer, too. Ray's ambition is to become a physical education instructor. Tournament of Champions record: Two knockouts, one decision.

126 POUND CLASS.

Phil Brown is a native of Scotland and now lives in Gillespie, Ill., where he works as a slate picker in a mine. He's 21 years old and has been living in this country since he was three. Phil plans to give up boxing and get married next June. He already has filled out a draft questionnaire and may be off to the army before the wedding. He is a member of the St. Louis Golden Gloves team. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Jack Haley of Kansas City is making his second strong bid for a Golden Glove championship. He reached the semi-finals in the 118 pound class last season. This Irish youngster is 21 years old and has lived in Kansas City all his life. He is employed in the municipal park department. Jack has been boxing for four years. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, three decisions.

Eddie Hudson, a member of the Moline team, is another veteran Golden Gloves fighter. He won his weight title last year in Kansas City. After moving to Moline he continued his boxing activity and scored a handy victory in that sectional tournament. He's a rugged fighter with plenty of hitting ability and boxing skill. Tournament of Champions record: Two decisions.

William Jefferson is Chicago's hope in the featherweight class. He is the third member of the Catholic Youth organization to earn a place in the semi-finals. He's 21 years old and at present is unemployed. He was born in St. Louis. Jefferson has been boxing for three years. In the Stadium bouts last week he overcame fighters from Omaha, Rockford, and Milwaukee. Tournament of Champions record: Three decisions.

135 POUND CLASS.

Louis Smith is a naval cadet at the Great Lakes station. He fights as a member of the Kenosha team. This is Smith's second venture in the Golden Gloves tournament. In 1939 he was the featherweight member of the Evansville team. He lost in the third round to Tony Ancona of Detroit, who went on to take the championship. Smith's home town is Henderson, Ky. While stationed at Great Lakes this year he entered the southeastern Wisconsin Golden Gloves sectional event at Kenosha and won the title, Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, three decisions.

Tommy Campbell moved to Moline last June from his native Kansas City, where he had won the National A. A. U. lightweight championship. He now has a job as a car washer in a Moline garage. He's 21 years old. Campbell will be remembered as the rugged young fellow who won a decision over Chicago's brilliant lightweight, Robert Earl, in last week's Stadium bouts. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, three decisions.

Dick Sholl is a painter in Galesburg, Ill. He qualified as a member of the Peoria team. Dick has been an Illinois boy all his life, having been born in Berwick 21 years ago. He encountered some mighty strong opposition in reaching the semi-finals. In his quarter-final bout last week he beat Robert Simmons of Indianapolis, a member of last year's intercity squad. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Emmet Grier is a Detroit automobile worker. He's employed as a machine operator in one of the big motor car shops. He's a native of Forsyth, Ga., being 19 years old. His mother is a gymnasium instructor. Emmett has reached the finals of the National A. A. U. tournament. He started out as a mascot carrying a pail and quickly learned to do some fighting on his own account. Tournament of Champions record: Three decisions.

147 POUND CLASS.

Bob Burns of the Fort Wayne team won the Barney Ross sportsmanship trophy in last week's Tournament of Champions. Bob is an 18 year old Irish boy. He likes all sports and goes in particularly for football and boxing. His biggest interest right now is getting an education. In last week's bouts he hammered his way thru opponents from Kansas City, Milwaukee, and Fort Smith. Tournament of Champions record: Three decisions.

Morris Corona, a member of the Fort Worth squad, was runnerup to Savior Canadeo for the welterweight championship last year. In the 1940 tournament he won further distinction by being awarded the Barney Ross sportsmanship trophy, which went to Burns this time. Morris works for an oil refinery in Port Arthur, away down on the Gulf coast. He was born of Italian parents 22 years ago at Lake Charles, La. Tournament of Champions record: Two decisions.

Willie Johnson is Streator's representative in the semi-finals. His first interest was football but he turned to boxing four years ago and has developed considerable talent. Those who watched him in the Stadium bouts last week commented on his hitting ability and predicted that he may cause trouble for some of the better known fighters. Tournament of Champions record: Three decisions.

George Horne Jr. is a 17 year old high school boy from Niles, O. He qualified as a member of the Cleveland team. George is of Irish and English ancestry. His boxing coach is his guardian, Matt McGowan of the Niles police force. George did his training in the local police station. McGowan led a delegation of Niles people up to Chicago last week to cheer their protégé thru the Tournament of Champions, and they'll be back again tomorrow. George is ambitious to get himself a good farm. Tournament of Champions record: Three decisions.

160 POUND CLASS.

Charley Hayes is Detroit's hope in the middleweight class. This 18 year old youngster attends high school in Ferndale, Mich. Tho he's been boxing only a little more than two years, this Irish lad has shown an ability to beat the veterans. Among his recent victims was Joe Maxin, last year's Golden Gloves champion. They met in an amateur show in Detroit. During the Stadium bouts last week Charley beat Milton Jones of St. Louis, Golden Gloves welterweight champion of 1939. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Clint Conway is carrying on for Cleveland. This 18 year old colored boy was born in Pine Bluff, Ark. Two years ago he took up boxing and has been making such rapid progress that he became one of Cleveland's standout amateur fighters. He hopes some day to become a professional musician. He's unemployed at present. He beat fighters from Fort Wayne, Kansas City, and Peoria last week in the Stadium. Tournament of Champions record: Two knockouts, one decision.

Vincent Myers, a member of the Oklahoma City team, is a student at Cameron Agricultural college at Lawton, Okla. He's a half back on his school's football team. His parents own a farm in Oklahoma and he plans to go in for farming too after he finishes his agricultural course. This is his third trip to Chicago. In 1937 he fought as a lightweight. Last year he reached the middleweight quarterfinals. Tournament of Champions record: Two decisions, one knockout.

Roosevelt Thomas is one of Chicago's six representatives in the semifinals. He is a member of the Savoy Athletic club. Thomas graduated from Du Sable High school recently and now has a newspaper delivery job. He hopes to become a lawyer. He was born in Chicago and has been boxing for three years. Last week in the Stadium he showed considerable power and boxing ability in beating fighters from Centralia, Indianapolis, and Omaha. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

175 POUND CLASS.

Ray Standifer of the Kansas City team is making his second consecutive attempt at a Golden Gloves championship. He lives in Wichita,

Kas., where he is employed by a construction firm. Previously he attended the University of Wichita. He qualified for the Kansas City tournament by winning a subsidiary event in Hutchinson, Kas.; then went on to earn a place in the Tournament of Champions. He has shown considerable hitting power. Tournament of Champions record: Two knockouts.

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Hezzie Williams is another one of Chicago's strong representatives. This 21 year old boxer has shown himself to be much the best of the city's amateur light heavyweights. He won the local title last year also, but was beaten in the Tournament of Champions. In last week's bouts, however, he dominated all of his opponents by a good margin. Hezzie was born in Hattiesburg, Miss. He boxes at the Savoy A. C. Tournament of Champions record: Two decisions, one knockout.

Vance Basler is a University of Iowa student. He was born in Yetter, Ia., 22 years ago of Scotch, Irish and English ancestry. Vance has won the state A. A. U. boxing championship in addition to being a Golden Gloves veteran. He's quite an all-around athlete, going in for basketball, baseball, track and football. He hopes to become an athletic director and coach. Tournament of Champions record: Two decisions.

Bennly McCombe is a member of the Grand Rapids team. His home town is in Flint, Mich. This is his third attempt at winning a Golden Glove, but it is the first time he has been able to get to Chicago. He's been improving steadily and swept thru all his bouts impressively this time. He is an orphan and lives with his brother. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS.

Tom Procter of the Oklahoma City team is the winner of the Joe Louis sportsmanship award for his performance in last week's Tournament of Champions. Tom is a native Oklahoman of Irish and Indian extraction. He attends the Murray State School of Agriculture at Tishomingo, Okla. He's specializing in soil conservation and hopes to be graduated next year. Among Tom's victories in the Stadium last week was a decision over Ragon Kinney, International Golden Gloves star. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Al Jordan is an 18 year old Kansas City boy. He's a student at Lincoln High school, where he takes part in a number of sports but he prefers boxing. This is his first trip to the Chicago tournament. He has been boxing for about three years. He marched thru his Stadium bouts with victories over foes from Moline, Rockford, and Alexandria. Tournament of Champions record: Two knockouts, one

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decision.

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Allen Aubrey is a Cleveland garage worker. This 22 year old fighter was born in Lehigh, Okla. His boxing ability comes naturally because six of his brothers also went in for the sport. Allen also plays baseball. He's been doing tournament boxing with some success for two years. In last week's bouts he whipped the champions of Gary, Des Moines, and Fort Wayne. Tournament of Champions record: One knockout, two decisions.

Clayton Worlds is Chicago's hope for the heavyweight title. This 21 year old boy works for a meat packing company in the stockyards. He was born in Little Rock, Ark. He learned his boxing at the Savoy A. C. and tho he has been at it for only a year and a half he has had remark-

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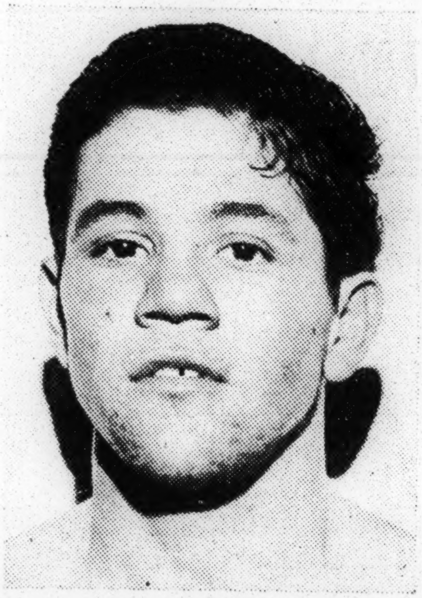

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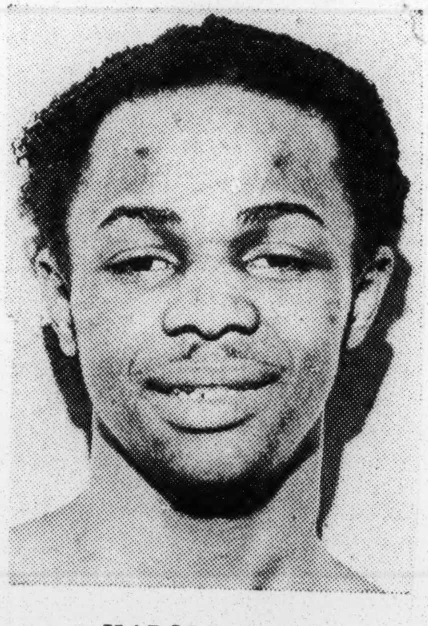

HAROLD DADE.

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THE END OF 175-POUND BOUT AT THE GARDEN LAST NIGHT

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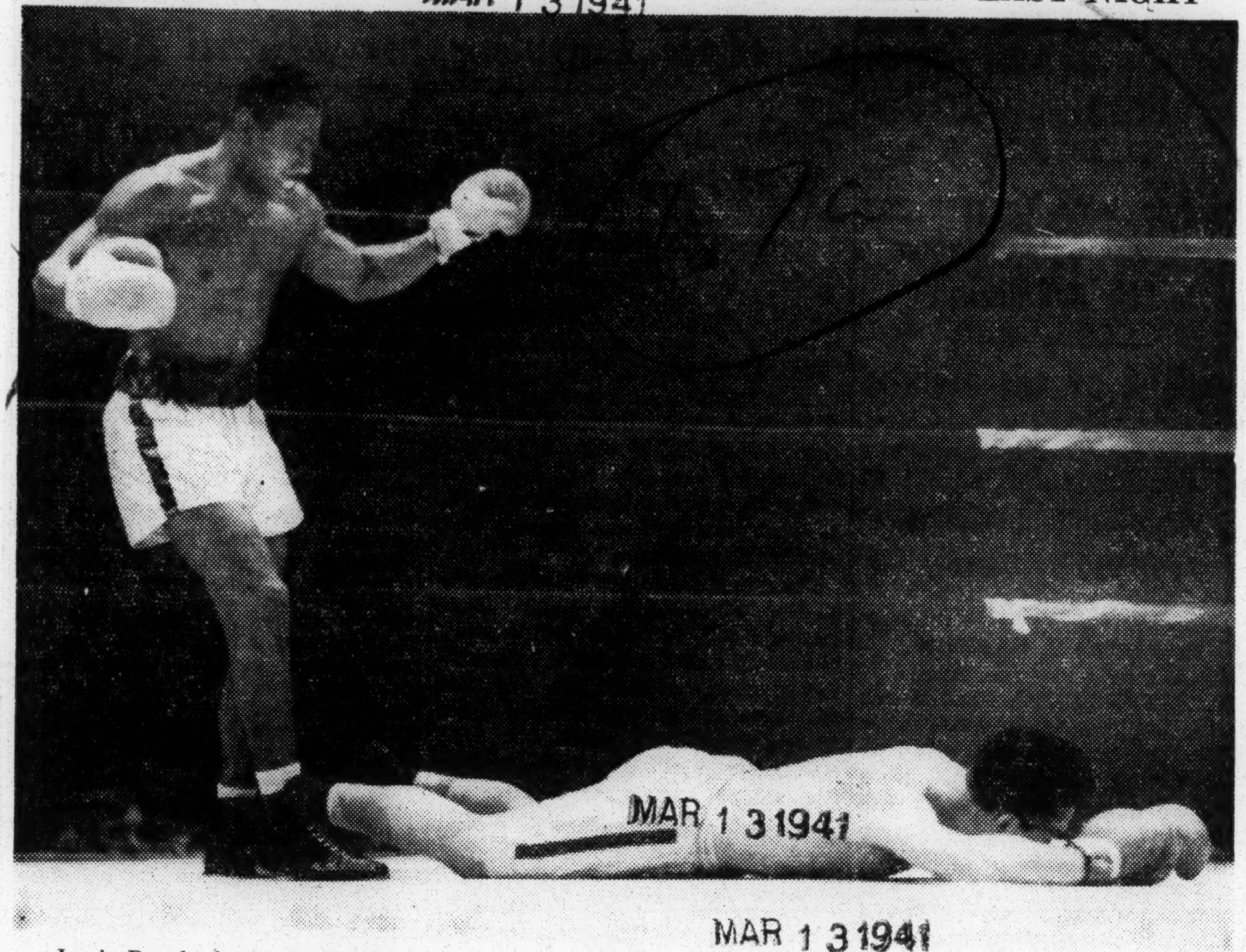

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Louis Brooks has just dropped Leo Center for the fifth time in the Tournament of Champions. Referee Frankie Morris stepped in and called a halt.

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9 Different NYU Student Groups Flood Campus With 7,000 Leaflets---All Against Jim Crow

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By Jack Jules

A blizzard of 7,000 leaflets from nine separate and distinct organizations, in an unprecedented demonstration of student solidarity, hit the campus of the downtown schools of New York University with a tremendous protest against the Jim Crow policy which barred Jim Coward, Negro basketball star, from the NYU quintet.

For a time Washington Square Park resembled a busy bargain basement as students milled about the distributors and raced from one to the other to digest what each had to say.

In tone and style the handbills were completely divergent as they represented groups as wide apart as the Young Communist League and the Young Republican Club, a science club, a chorus, a sorority. But all were unanimous in urging the student body to demonstrate for the right of Negro athletes, and to attend a mass meeting sponsored by the Council for Student Equality, a group which came into being as a result of the Jim Crowing of Leonard Bates, Negro star, during the football season.

In addition to the leaflets a delegation of mothers who had a one and one-half hour meeting with athletic director Professor Phillip Badger and Dean Payne on the situation, issued a statement on the case charging the university officials with discrimination and prejudice.

Members and officers of the following nine organizations issued the leaflets: the American Student Union, the Washington Square Chorus, the Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, the WSC Peace Committee, the Sociology Club, the Student Council, the Council for Student Equality, the Young Republican Club and the Young Communist League.

While many of the leaflets limited the Coward case only to the Jim Crow policy of the college, others pointed out its connection with the whole reactionary war drive of the Roosevelt administration, which utilizes Jim Crow.

The WSC Peace Committee circular emphasized the connection, pointing out: "Reports come from Washington that we must institute emergency measures in the interests of democracy. But when we examine some of these emergency measures we see:

(1) A Jim Crow policy introduced in the army.

(2) Thirteen men in the navy given 'undesirable discharge' for protesting against navy segregation of Negroes.

(3) In California the NYA bans from defense projects all 'Jewish, Negro, Portuguese and Mexican' youth."

In similar vein the Karl Marx Society branch of the YCL declared in its leaflet: "The attempts to turn Gentile against Jew, Protestant against Catholic, native against foreign born and white against Negro, are part of a plan to induce America to give up its civil liberties and become demoralized and fall prey to those who wish to profit from our suffering."

The Washington Square College Chapter of the ASU tied up the Coward ban with the actions of Southern Poll-Tax Congressmen who "have voted almost unanimously for NYA cuts, conscription, emasculating amendments to the Wage-Hour and Wagner Act and supported every step of the administration's 'short of war' program." Using Coward as an example the leaflet asserted: "Discrimination is not simply the concern of racial, religious and political minorities. It is a direct and dangerous menace to every American."

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Most other leaflets limited themselves to attacking the college policy itself, pointing out how closely this ban has followed upon similar action by school authorities during the football season when the Negro star Leonard Bates was prevented from traveling to play Missouri, despite the fact that the Missouri coach said nothing would happen if he did play.

The leaflets of the members of the Washington Square Chorus and the League for Student Equality compared the action of NYU with the expression of opinion in North Carolina and Georgetown, the two Southern schools that the Heights quintet will engage during its travels.

Headlining its handbill "South Comes Through—NYU—Stop Hiding!" the Council for Student Equality quoted North Narolina Coach Lang, who said, "I have no objections. . . . We would play according to the policies and the traditions of the school with which we are playing." The circular also pointed out that Georgetown of Washington, D. C., protested discrimination in the Bates case and later played against him.

Members of the Student Council issued their own statement interpreting the ban as a threat to student rights, linking it with four other administrative actions which impair student liberties. During the past week they said the college witnessed: "(1) The thwarting of the right to petition by the denial of a table in the cafeteria to one recognized organization while granting that right to another—THE FIRST TIME SUCH AN ARBITRARY REFUSAL WAS EVER MADE. (Their emphasis).

(2) The throttling of effective action of Student Council by the Dean's request that three faculty members (Dr. Dow, Dr. Axworthy, Dean Arnold) vote AS IF THEY WERE ELECTED. Yesterday they voted against the putting of Jim Coward on the squads—THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE DAY ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION.

(3) The confiscation of leaflets and petitions by an administrative officer of NYU (returned only after a mass protest delegation saw the dean). THESE STRONG-ARM TACTICS TOO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

(4) Threats made by the administration to the effect that the right to circulate any petitions may soon have to be denied—this destroying an effective method of student expression—FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY."

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The Young Republican Club, affiliated with the Harlem Youth Congress, 21 A.D., attacked the flimsy technicality of Coward's ineligibility. Like many others it denounced the philosophy expressed by Chancellor Chase, "The time has not yet arrived when we can ask southern schools to play against Negro players on southern campuses."

In their statement the mothers' delegation besides attacking the Coward ruling called for the firing of Professor Van de Merwe, who openly admitted his prejudice, "that he discriminates against Negro NYA students," and Dean Baltzly, who has stated that "nothing has been so harmful to the Jewish people as their making a fuss about race: that he dislakes the way Negroes smell."

Of great interest to the students were the leaflets issued by members of the Washington Square Chorus, the Sociology Club, and Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, three organizations which rarely hand out handbills. Each handled the situation in their own way, connecting it completely with their field.

The Sociologists wrote that they "view racial discrimination as a deterring factor to social change and progress" while the musicians utilized the title of a Bach cantata, "Sleepers Awake," to declare that, "Although we stick to the ivory keys we will not be put in an ivory tower" and the sorority girls proudly proclaimed, "We sorority women sincerely believe that discrimination, be it on the basis of race, creed or color, is highly unbecoming to ladies."

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The Pinch Hitter

- **Eligibility Is Not the Point**
- **NYU ADMITS a Jim-Crow Policy**

By Bill Newton

This department had a talk with Prof. Philip O. Badger, NYU athletic director, the other day about the case of Jim Coward, ineligible Negro cager.

Professor Badger is a big, bluff man who's a power in college sports circles. He recently was elected president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, important rule-making body.

Speaking calmly and, as he declared, "holding nothing back," Professor Badger told me that Coward's ineligibility was due purely and simply to scholastic reasons. Coward, he said, lacked the necessary credits to qualify for this year's five. Students who maintain that lying behind the ineligibility is NYU's unwillingness to break its Jim Crow standards—to insist on Southern teams facing NYU's Negro athletes down South—have cooked up a case, he said, merely for "agitational" purposes. He insisted there was nothing "anti-Negro" in Coward's disqualification: he just didn't have the necessary credits

If Professor Badger had stopped there, a lot of people might dismiss the case along with him. Remembering his record in the Jim

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"Next Step Up to N. Y. U. Officials," Say Carolina Students

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina, Jan. 9.—The Carolina Committee for Good Sportsmanship in general meeting, said today:

"This error is NYU's and not ours and protests against this violation of good sportsmanship should be sent to Chancellor Chase of NYU . . . Thus fare the committee has met with no opposition from any university official or campus group nor has it found any regulation whatsoever which would bar Coward from the Carolina court. Therefore in the opinion of the majority of the committee members, the next step is up to the NYU officials."

Crowing of Len Bates from the Missouri game, you still might be inclined to give the professor the benefit of the doubt this time.

But Professor Badger gave the game away. He told me that **at present NYU would not take a Negro player down South even if the Dixie team were willing to play.**

This statement goes far beyond the question of whether or not Coward is technically eligible, and, if not, why. It shows clearly that **even if the Negro cager were eligible, he still would not be permitted to face Southern teams down South.** It shows that NYU's Jim Crow policy—denied by Professor Badger—begins at home. Under its present administration, NYU takes it for granted that Southern athletes will not play against Negroes. By failing to **INSIST** that Southern teams meet on an equal basis all members of the NYU squad, whether black or white—by failing, evidently, even to **ASK** Southern teams [illegible] views—the Violet athletic authorities are guilty of retreating [illegible] Jim Crow. By their own admissions, they brand themselves. [illegible] which boasts of its "racial freedom," actually fosters Jim Crow.

Professor Badger freely tried to excuse this policy by saying that he didn't want to "insult" NYU's Negro athletes by making them ride in Jim Crow railroad coaches and live in Jim Crow hotels. Yet he insults them far more—and NYU's white students, as well—by sustaining a Jim Crow policy.

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And not only that—he insults, as well, students of Southern schools. It's a great mistake to believe that all Southern athletes and coaches won't play against Negroes at home. Professor Badger should consult the Daily Worker. We've carried stories of athletes or coaches who hit Jim Crow hailing from such schools as North Carolina and Georgetown (NYU's basketball opponents in January); St. Mary's and Southern Methodist of Texas. Missouri mentor, Don Faurot, said the Tigers "would just play" if NYU insisted on Len Bates participating last fall. Professor Badger takes a lot for granted in reflecting on the sportsmanship of Southern youngsters and coaches.

Conceivably, Coward may scholastically be ineligible. A lot of factors complicate the situation. An NYU professor supposedly made a statement saying that Jim was disqualified because of "the color line," then declared that he never said such a thing. Some students are casting doubt on the eligibility of certain other NYU cagers, and say that Coward deserves the same break the other boys get. Others add he's disqualified because a course he was taking was dropped, leaving him on a limb for two scholastic points. They say his ineligibility is just an administration ruse to avoid meeting the issue.

But the big thing that NYU students are fighting is the regularly recurring Jim Crow policy of the administration. They're struggling against the submissive resignation to (and, therefore, indirect support of) Jim Crow by the "great educators" who head the institution (Chancellor Chase himself was formerly president of North Carolina University). THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THIS CASE IS THAT EVEN IF COWARD WERE ELIGIBLE, HE STILL WOULD NOT PLAY AGAINST GEORGETOWN AND NORTH CAROLINA. That cuts across all the maneuvers of "ineligibility" and "credits" and "insults" and what have you. And courageous NYU students, threatened by disciplinary action, harassed by administration interference, deserve a great deal of credit for smoking out and fighting against administration Jim Crow. That NYU authorities must maneuver in such a fashion the students are having great success.

Charleston S. C. News & Courier
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Southern Problem

To The News and Courier:

I would like to say that I enjoyed very much your editorial in the February 20 issue, entitled "Their Goal, Their Aim". Certain parts of it should be printed on the first page since a large percentage of readers never read the editorials.

The News and Courier should certainly feel no embarrassment from fear that its belief in fair play be mistaken for the goal of the N. A. A. C. P.—social equality.

The cost of educating a negro is just as great as that of educating a white. Yet, the negro contributes only a small part of the cost.

As long as the federal government thinks it right to base old age pensions on the amount each person contributes, then the South has as much right to base a negro's education on the amount contributed by him.

Of course, we agree that this policy is not right, but does the federal government? Is it right to pay a WPA worker in South Carolina about half the amount received by a worker in New York?

As long as these injustices continue against the South, how can we raise our low standard of living and education? Water certainly can not run up hill without assistance from some force.

Then to top the situation off, certain members of the senate attempt to pass the anti-lynching law which is like locking he barn after the horse is stolen; lynching in the South is almost a thing of the past.

If such a law as this is the only bill these senators can contribute toward the prograss of our nation, their salaries of ten thousand dollars should be taken and given to South Carolina for the education of negroes. There would be no need to lynch an educated negro.

In the North a number of gangsters are committing their crimes in much more abundance than Southern lynchers. Still, these highly civilized senators wish to hold each state responsible for all mob violence—meaning, lynching. As gangsters usually perform their deeds in mobs, why not hold these states responsible? Certainly a man with bullets in him is as dead as one with a neck broken by a rope.

Also, the freight rates are higher in the South than in any part of the country. While the N. A. A. C. P. is putting everybody on an equal basis, why not attempt to equalize these rates? Of course, that is a horse of a different color, but no more different than a black man and a white man.

The federal government binds the South with stupid laws and injustices, and then expects us to welcome the negro into our institutions with open arms.

Then why not welcome us into this nation with open arms?

Since the War Between the States, the South has been criticized—recently by the president—for remaining sectional. How can we be otherwise when the barrier was built by such things as high freight rates, anti-lynching laws, carpetbaggers, social equality and old age pensions?

The federal government fought to keep us in the union, and ever since has been fighting to keep us out. Yet we are criticized for refusing to associate with negroes.

SOUTHERNER.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

16 COLORED REMAIN IN TITLE FIGHTS

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Although it may be embarrassing to those who boast of white supremacy, 16 of the remaining 32 contestants—four in each weight class—in the Chicago Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions are Negro fighters.

These colored amateur boxers, along with an equal number of white and Mexican athletes, will compete in the semifinals and finals at the Chicago stadium Friday night for the championships. They are the sole survivors of a starting field of 23,000 distributed from Michigan and Ohio through Texas and Tennessee.

They won their places in the tournament held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the stadium in which teams from 43 cities competed. Those crowned champions Friday night will fight the New York winners later this month.

Chicago, which for the first time in the 14 year history of the annual event sponsored by the Chicago Tribune, had an all-Negro team, qualified six for the final night of bouts.

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The complete list of remaining colored contestants includes Harold Dade, Chicago, 112 pounds; Morton Graves, Des Moines; Eugene Joyce, Gary, and Raymond Brown, Chicago, 118; Eddie Hudson, Moline, Ill., and William Jefferson, Chicago, 126; Tommy Campbell, Moline, 135; William Johnson, Streator, Ill., 147; Clint Conway, Cleveland, and Roosevelt Thomas, Chicago, 160; Ray Standifer, Kansas City; Bennie McCombs, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Hezzie Williams, Chicago, 175; Allen Aubrey, Cleveland; Al Jordan, Kansas City, and Clayton Worlds, Chicago, heavyweights.

In several instances, the lone remaining representatives of a city's team are colored. That is true of Moline, Gary, Streator and Grand Rapids. Two of Cleveland's four are colored, two of Kansas City's three, one of Des Moines two are also Negroes. Chicago's all-colored squad gives the host city top score thus far in the team standings for the number of bouts won.

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All in The Game

BY JACK TROY

Not Guilty

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 3.—A Cracker fan in Copperhill, Tenn., is all riled up over a recent column in which I had a few pertinent things to say regarding the Knoxville baseball club.

This Copperhill fan doesn't take issue with anything said about the Smokies' stalling; he simply has placed the wrong interpretation on a word. He is so hot about it and makes such forthright insinuations as to what we are if we don't print the letter, there isn't much else to do.

However, I am not going to use his name, simply to save him considerable embarrassment later on. The thought expressed is admirable. The letter follows:

"Dear Jack Troy:

"I am a constant reader of The Constitution and have been for years but I have never red as cheap a piece in your collom before as you rave about the Smokies stalling Friday. If they was stalling you did not have any reason at all to bring the 'niger' in it as you call them. We up here don't use that word at all. Now understand, Jack, I am a white man but you know as well as thousands of others do that the cullard people was not playing. So why bring them in it? You owe the cullard which is many in Atlanta a apologie. Now I will see if you have the nerve to put this in your collom. I am sending copy to Ralph McGill so I will be lookin to see this in your collom. That is if you don't get cold feet and stall like the Smokies did. Remember I am a white man but I believe in fair play for every one."

Use of the word "niggardly" explains the foregoing letter. The gentleman from Copperhill must not have read closely.

I have skipped over words like that myself and put the wrong interpretation on them.

Be that as it may, I want to assure the gentleman from Copperhill that those of us in Atlanta appreciate the Negro fans. They have turned out in greater numbers than ever before for games this season at Ponce de Leon park, and I think we can rightly claim that they are among the most loyal fans in all baseball.

Fan Stirred

It was the intention of this department to let the Knoxville matter drop, inasmuch as nothing can be done about it, but this does not seem to be the consensus of Atlanta baseball followers.

It remains a matter of resentment with men, women and children that the incident was treated so lightly. Numerous letters decry involvement of Atlanta and they question letting Knoxville off with only a reprimand.

The men who run baseball may be surprised to know that fans have access to rule books and are, in many cases, well read. Most all of the letters received complained that the umpires did not do their duty when they failed to follow the set rule on stalling.

A 9-0 triumph for Atlanta would have been more satisfactory than the farce which followed. That's no guesswork. It's the expression of the fans themselves.

Lou Gehrig

It is difficult to write anything about Lou Gehrig, who was one of the most durable players the game has ever known, and yet in an incredibly short time was cut down by the ravages of a dreadful malady.

From a role of strong man he was reduced to a hopeless cripple in less than two years' time. We saw the beginning of his trouble in the spring three seasons ago when the Yankees passed through Atlanta on an exhibition tour.

Even then the old Iron Horse was having trouble running and he was flinching from pitches at the plate. He became progressively worse after the season started and finally asked Manager Joe McCarthy to bench him.

Even then they didn't know, neither the Yankees nor Lou himself, that he was the victim of an incurable disease that would take his life before he reached his prime. A form of paralysis struck him down.

It is just a bit ironical that in a game that has known so many characters and two-fisted drinkers, Gehrig was an example of clean living. Although born of German immigrants, he did not have the Germans' inherent fondness for beer. He was very moderate in his habits. He had to be to play the game as many times consecutively over so many years as he did.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

MONTGOMERY RETURNS TO PHILLY A CONQUERING HERO

"He Never Hurt Me," Bob Tells Admirers Who Greet Him Upon Arrival in Philadelphia—Victory Establishes Him As Newest Lightweight - Welterweight Threat.

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By JACK SAUNDERS

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—A tan, tigerish Tartar answering to the haloed name of Bob Montgomery and hailing from this city of countless Quakers and 250,000 Americans of sepia hue, left historic Madison Square Garden the hero and idol of millions last Friday night after committing legalized mayhem on one Lew Jenkins, lightweight cham-

pion of the world.

DOUBLE CHAMP, MAYBE

So convincing was the "Bobcat's" victory over the thunder-pnching cactus cavorteer, the choice of fighting either for the welter or lightweight diadem is his, to quote Mike Jacobs, Czar of most everything pugilistic in these United States. There is even talk—though unauthoritative as it might be—that Montgomery stands chances of duplicating Armstrong's feat of winning both the 135 and 147 pound titles.

'Tis quite authentic, nevertheless, that Bob is eyeing very strongly the two crowns. He filed a formal challenge with the New York State Athletic Commission Tuesday for a title match with either Jenkins or Fritzie Zivic.

MONTGOMERY PURSE HEAVY

For his labors the "Bobcat" received 20 percent of a net gate of $41,703, which in round figures total approximately $7,200—a tidy sum for a lad just 22-years-old, and just three years off a $15 a week job in a restaurant.

"I feel fine, he didn't hurt me a lick," Montgomery, a staunch Courier supporter, told your Correspondent in his dressing room after the fight.

"I hit him some pretty good punches in all the rounds, and might have knocked him out in the ninth or tenth if I had tried hard enough," he continued.

Montgomery, it appeared, was out to win, and win convincingly and decisively for a number of reasons. He wanted to emerge victorious because of what it meant to him in dollars and cents . . He wanted to win for Bob, Jr., his son and heir . . He wanted to win for Frankie, Joe and Dick, his manager and co-trainers . . And he wanted to win for his multude of friends, scores of whom were on hand to root him home.

JUDGE McDEVITT WIRES

An hour before he entered the ring Bob received a wire from President Judge Harry S. McDevitt wishing him success.

"Take it easy, don't get excited and you'll bring back home (to Philly) the horns of that Texas steer'.. the eminent jurist's telegram stated.

Shortly afterward, Montgomery received another wire, this from his wife Mallie, who heard of her husband's feat via the netwaves.

"You must win. Win for him and me. The both of us are here hoping." It was signed Mallie.

HAPPINESS REIGNS

Probably the happiest three persons in New York after the fight were Frnakie Thomas, Bob's manager, and Joe Gramby and Dick Kane, his competent co-trainers.

"What'd I tell you, Jack," Thomas said with a wink of his right eye.

"Well, Jack, you know how I feel," uttered soft-spoken, unaffected Joe Gramby. "I knew Bob would beat Jenkins tonight, just as he'll beat Zivic if he ever gets the chance."

Dick Kane was unable to talk for a few seconds, and when he did, declared confidently: "Bob's the next lightweight champ. That is if he gets a crack at Jenkins' title. If Lew won't give him a 'shot', he's going after Fritzie Zivic's welterweight crown."

PHILLY FANS TURNS OUT

Philly was well represented at the fight, white and colored. Commissioner Leon Rains, Promoter Herman Taylor, Pete Moran, Mike Ballato and Al Levitt were among the well-known whites. Tom Montgomery, Bob's brother, Miss Iola Branch, Dr. Isaac King, Mortician George Black, Freddie Mouche, Bob Smallwood, Irving Deloache, Lou Ford and Harold Taylor were also in the crowd.

Boxers Al Brown, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, Scrapper White, Georgie Pace and others were out. Bob's pals, Lester, Pete Butler and trainer Joe Walcott helped swell the assemblage. Philly newspapermen on the scene were Randy Dixon and your Correspondent, of the Courier; Ed Harris, Tribune, and Al Dunmore and Charley Johnson of the Independent.

Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tennessee

JOHN BORICAN SNARES A.A.U. DECATHLON TITLE

Negro Star Places Five First Place Awards

BRIDGETON, N. J., July 4. (AP)—Winning first places in five of the ten events, John Borican, negro star representing the Asbury Par, N. J., A. C., captured the National A. A. U. decathlon championship with a total of 5892 points Friday. [illegible] C. Jones, former University of Michigan star, trailed Borican by two points at the end of the two day track and field competition.

Trailing the two leaders were Joshua Williamson of Atlantic City, N. J., former Xavier University, New Orleans, athlete, with 5236 points, Howard Jensen of Philadelphia, former Temple University star, with 4644 points, and Archie Harris of Ocean City, N. J., Indiana's National Collegiate discus champion, with 4289. William Watson, onetime Michigan athlete who won the title last year, did not compete.

Borican took the 110 meter high hurdles in 16.5 seconds and the 1500 meter run in 4:17.2 before a slim home town crowd of approximately 200. A Bridgeton native, he won the 100 meter dash in 11.3 seconds, the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet seven inches and the 400 meter dash in 51 seconds Thursday.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Archie Harris Betters World Discus Record

Colored Indiana University Star Ups Mark Set By German Good Half Foot to 174 Ft. 8¾ In.

By Russ Newland
Associated Press Sports Writer

Palo Alto, Calif., June 20.—Giant Archie Harris, great Negro athlete from the University of Indiana, cloaked himself in international glory today by bettering the world record in discus throw trials of the National Collegiate Athletic Association track and field championships. He sent the platter sailing 174 feet 8¾ inches.

The recognized world mark is 174 feet, 2½ inches, set April 28, 1935, by Willi Schroder, of Germany.

Ironically, Harris' performance virtually was unattended.

For purposes of safety, the discus throwers were sent to a field adjacent to Stanford Stadium, where other athletes were qualifying in nine other events.

Few See Great Toss

Only the officials assigned to the discus throw and a handful of spectators were there to give Harris a cheer.

Only a few weeks ago in the Big Ten meet at Minneapolis Harris established a new American discus record with a toss of 174 feet, 1 inch.

Harris' mark today, although made in the trials, will stand unless bettered in tomorrow's finals. It also will go as a new N. C. A. A. record. The former, 173 feet, was made in 1936 by Ken Carpenter, of the University of Southern California.

The big Negro also qualified in the shot put, at 50 feet 5¼ inches. Al Blozis, of Georgetown, led in the iron ball competition with a heave of 54 feet ⅛ inch.

Aside from Harris' performance, individual laurels for the day went to Billy Brown, of Louisiana State University. He qualified in three events, the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the broad jump. He led the broad jumpers at 20 feet 7¾ inches, won his heat in the century in 9.8 seconds, and took second in the 220.

Norwood Ewell, Penn State Negro flash, won his heats in the two sprints—9.9 seconds in the 100 and 22.2 seconds in the 220.

Most tragic phase of the preliminaries was the spill taken by Leslie MacMitchell, of New York University, in an 880-yard run heat. Favorite to win, he tripped and fell heavily on the track, then made up some 30 yards to finish next to last but out of the qualifying class.

MacMitchell, however, is entered in the mile run tomorrow, an event he won in the recent intercollegiate AAAA championships.

As expected, Southern California, shooting for its seventh team championship, galloped off with the most qualifying places, 11. University of California landed 6 places; Ohio State, 5, and Indiana, 4.

Other qualifying places were distributed as follows: New York University, Washington, Stanford, University of California at Los Angeles and Louisiana State, three each; Notre Dame, Colorado, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Penn State, Michigan Normal, Miami of Ohio, Washington State, Texas, Illinois, two each; Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, Rice, Georgetown, Xavier, Howard, Payne, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Utah, California Aggies, Michigan, Loyola of Chicago, Oregon State, Oklahoma A. and M. and Utah State, one each.

Guardian
Boston, Mass.

XAVIER U.

Xavier U. is a Colored Catholic College located in New Orleans. Henry So are other eastern includ-Robart of Rindge is a student there. ing Gil Farrow, the hurdler from New Jersey. Xavier draws good athletic material. One year I remember the football coaches boasted of five fully equipped "Gold Rush" uniformed teams, which is a luxury to any college, regardless of race. Of course, most colored colleges use freshmen on the Varsity but 55 uniforms are something, nevertheless. Stars in Southern Conference football, Xavier has had brilliant success also in basketball.

When Ralf Metcalfe, Olympic sprint veteran of 1932 and 1936, was graduated from Catholic Marquette U. in Wisconsin the Xavier U. authorities signed him up pronto.

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Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Charles Thomas, New Captain of Boston U Baseball Team, 2nd Negro So Honored

He's One of Few Athletes to Win 3 Major Letters in Sports

BOSTON — Down through the years, athletes have been few at Boston University who have been major three sports lettermen from their sophomore year on through to graduation.

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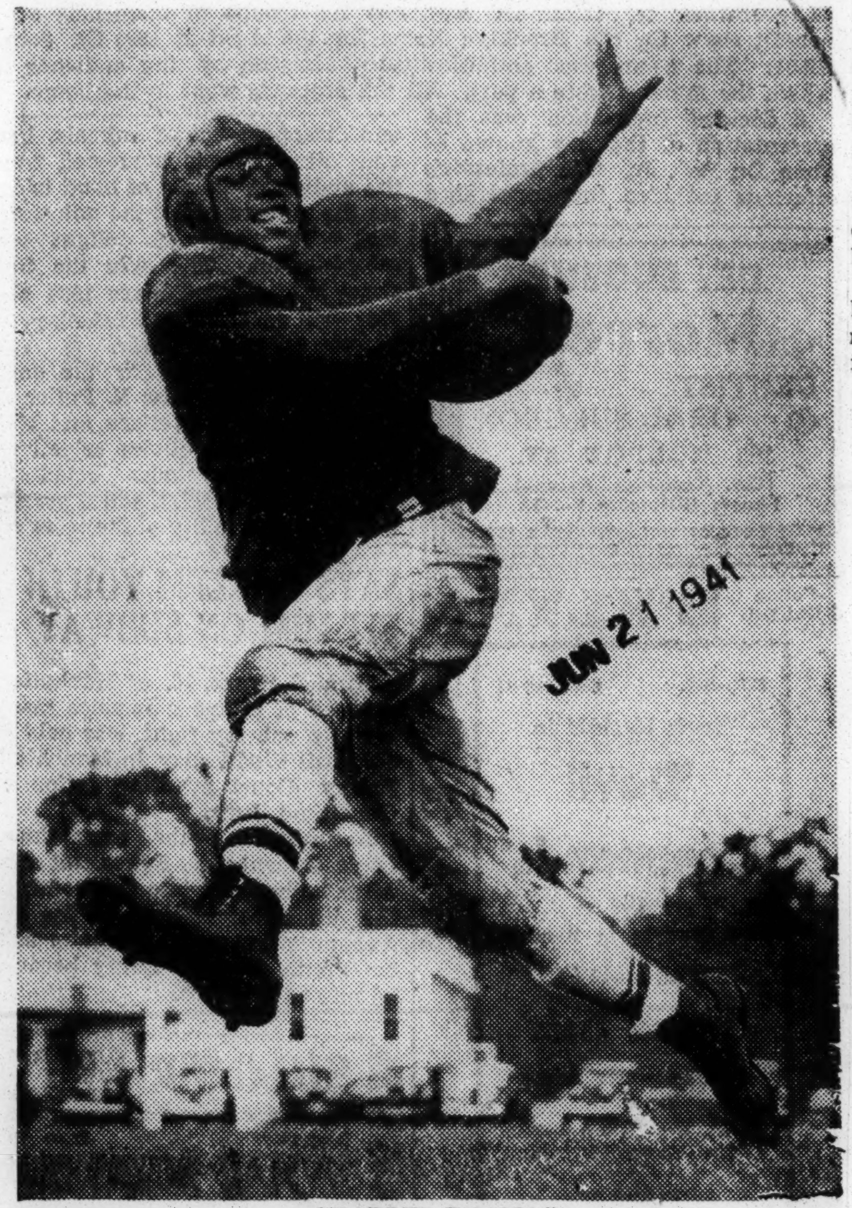

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Thomas didn't let them down. Last year as a sophomore he easily made the grade in all three sports. Starting the football season as the third ranking left halfback, he intercepted a pass and ran 45 yards for a touchdown in the opening game against Franklin & Marshall to enable the Terriers to come from behind and win. By the time the third game rolled around he was alternating with Jim Cassidy as the regular left halfback.

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In basketball, Thomas, a sophomore, ousted a two years regular to step into a starting guard job and did the same in baseball where he was shifted to third base.

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Robinson Hammers Angott

Negro Now Top Challenger For Lightweight Crown

BY OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, July 22. — Ray (Sugar) Robinson, Harlem's newest hero, figured today as the boxing game's sweetest lightweight challenger after hammering out a unanimous 10-round decision over Sammy Angott, the N. B. A. 135-pound champion.

Banking heavily on a lashing right hand shot, Robinson won his 121st consecutive fight—21 of them as a pro—by putting the Louisville slugger on the floor for the first time in his fight career.

A crowd of 14,500 fans, who contributed a gross gate of $25,235, saw the Chocolate Cookie take command in the second round of their 10-round bout at Shibe Park last night with a lashing right that nearly chilled the ranking challenger. That one punch was enough to shuffle the National Boxing Assn. rankings.

The 20-year-old Negro battler went into the fight as a promising youngster who, although he had won 20 bouts in a year of pro campaigning, never had actually been tested. Angott, 25 year old veteran campaigner, was the sounding board. And Robinson passed the exam with flying colors, emerging as the logical contender for Lightweight Champion Lew Jenkins' crown.

Angott's NBA title was not at stake as both men were one and one-half pounds over the weight limit but the defeat might cost Sammy a scheduled shot at the Sweetwater slugger. He is listed to meet Jenkins at Madison Square Garden Oct. 3, but when he signed to meet Robinson he was warned that he would have to win to keep the title date.

Angott, throughout the fight, concentrated on a smashing body attack but his timing was off, aggravated by a lightning left jab which Robinson kept jamming in his face.

The Washington, Pa., lad, who fights out of Louisville, showed plenty of heart in the second round. Midway in the period Sugar's lashing right found its mark, hurling Angott to the canvas. The blow smashed Angott off his feet and he landed on his fase, burning his cheek—and not a spectator in the house expected him to rise. Instinct alone raised him to his knees at the count of six and to his feet at nine and he clung to Robinson with a cloud over his eyes throughout the rest of the round.

It was Sugar's Sunday punch and, although Angott came winging back in later sessions, that one blow had taken its toll. Only in the seventh was Angott able to make a more impressive showing.

Birmingham Post

Chicago Bee
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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Why, the Boys Are Pals

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

Booker Beckwith (left) and Nash Garrison, San Jose, Cal., heavyweights, who are to meet tomorrow night in the 10 round feature bout of the Chicago Stadium's opening program in its outdoor arena. Beckwith is undefeated in a two year career as a professional.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Homestead Grays Engage Elites Today

Fighting it out for second-half honors in the Negro National League pennant drive, the local Homestead Grays play the Newark Eagles in a double-header at Griffith Stadium today at 2 p. m. The Grays in winning the first half battled all the way with the Eagles, the runners-up. These Jerseyites, managed by famed Big Mackay, is the most improved team in the league. Afforded with a hustling group of youngsters, they play the game the way it should be played—smart and tactful with a never-dying spirit.

Local fans will be seeing a bunch of youngsters who are averaging 10,000 fans a game in their home park in Ruppert Stadium, home of the International League Newark Bears. Their following among the white and colored fans there has tremendously boosted baseball in the vicinity. Probably the most outstanding player on the team, from a local standpoint, is their stellar infielder, Clarence (Pint) Israel, native Rockville, Md., boy. Pint had played on District sandlot teams for a number of years before being signed by the great Newark team.

Colorful and blessed with a good batting eye, Israel steals the show on any ball field. Manager Mackay will start his strongest line-up with his ace pitchers of Leon Day, Jesse Hill and Max Manning ready to fire at the Grays.

Battling for their life in this league second half, Gray's Manager Harris will probably shoot his ace pitcher, Ray Brown. Fans can be prepared to see a hurling duel if both team pitchers are at their best, and the visiting pitcher will have to be to check Buck Leonard, the Brown Batting Beauty of the locals. Clipping the apple for a current .389, he is the terror of all ball parks. All here will never forget his terrific home run into the centerfield bleachers in Griffith Stadium last year. Frequently he has hit over the rightfield wall of the park.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

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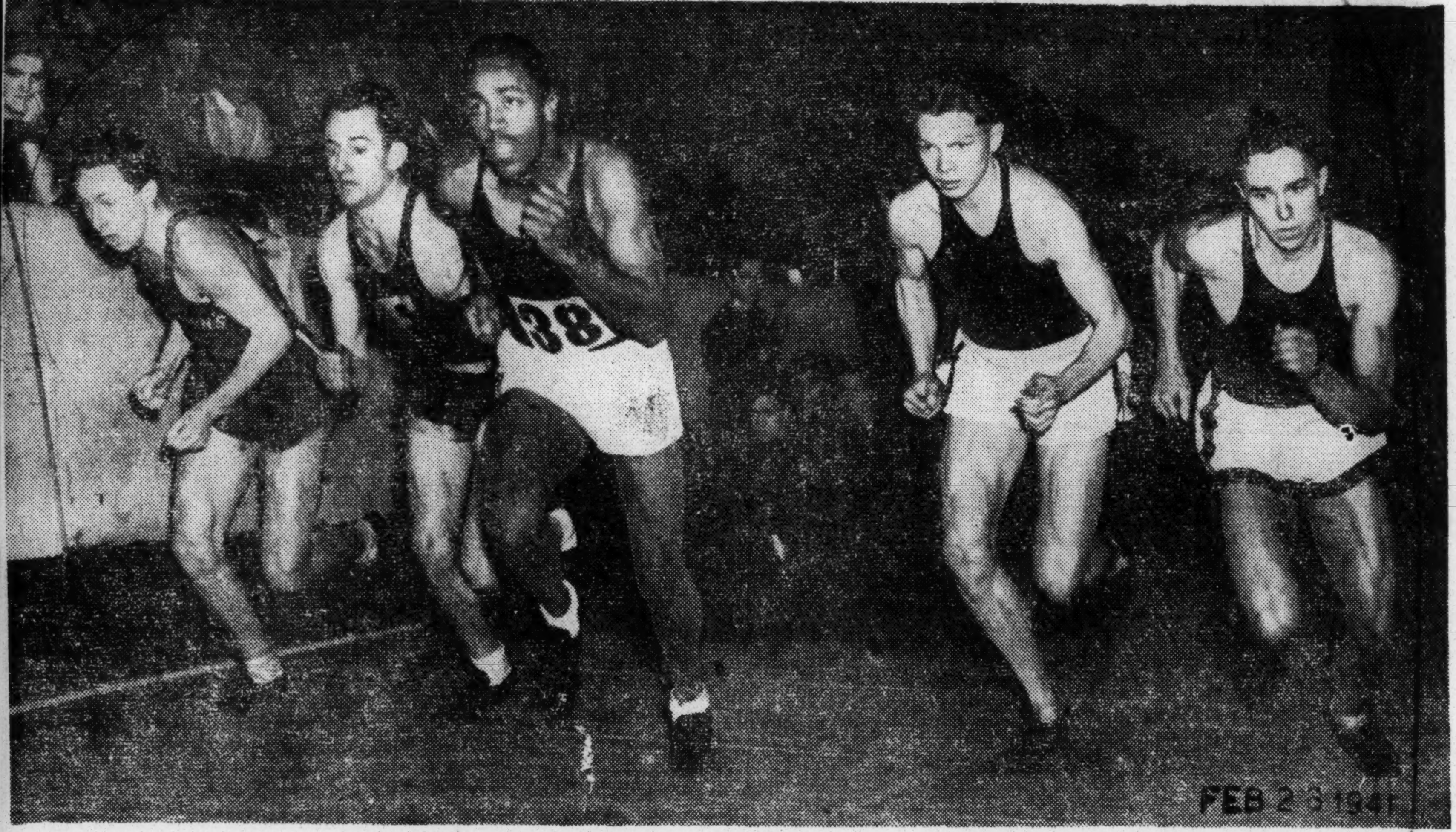
At the Fifty-third National A. A. U. Track and Field Championships



Fitzgibbons, Cary, Borican, Belyea and Bruce getting away in the first heat of the 1,000-yard run at the Garden. Borican, the defending titleholder, was the winner, his time of 2:14.1 being the best of the afternoon heats.

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Xavier copped five clear firsts, Bama State and Morehouse 3 each, Tuskegee 2 and Fort Valley, 1. The other first in the 15-event meet was a 3-way tie in the pole vault with Xavier, Tuskegee, and Southern representatives sharing a 12 ft., 6 in. clearance.

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Another beautiful run was the 440, won by Marshall of Fort Valley. Lone representative of his school, the Billy O'Shields protege warmed the heart of his coach and won the admiration of the thousand-odd spectators as he took the lead from the start and held it to finish fully 5 yards ahead of Bryant of Southern in the good time of 49 seconds flat.

Tuskegee was master of the mile and 2-mile relays, Xavier took the 440 and 880 relays, and Morehouse produced the best individual performer in Haynes who won the javelin and discus throws. It was not a point meet, but considered on the basis of a 5-3-2-1 rating, the Xavier and Alabama State teams produced places in most events, Xavier getting 55 1-3 points and State 46 5-6. Other participants and their points are Tuskegee 19¾, Southern 17⅔, Morehouse 15, Fort Valley 5, Morris Brown 3½, and Stillman 1. This include performances by unattached members of Southern State and Tuskegee.

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Culp of Xavier, won the lone distance event, the mile run, as usual, finishing well ahead of the field and prancing 100-yards.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Globe and Independent
Nashville, Tenn.

Winner of Four Medals in the 1936 Olympics to Make Comeback This Spring

World's Fastest Man Wishes to Lower Records.

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COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27—(ANP)—Pointing to a quick action in reinstating Hank Luisetti, former Stanford basketball star, Jesse Owens indicated last week that he may ask reinstatement as an amateur and make a comeback this spring as a member of Ohio State's track team. He is currently completing his undergraduate work at that institution.

Winner of four medals in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin, Owens turned professional soon afterward. Under normal conditions he would have to wait seven years for reinstatement, but the star athlete believes the A. A. U. may be inclined to waive the rules as was done in Luisetti's case.

The "world's fastest human" was the storm center of a bitter post-Olympic A. A. U. controversy before he turned pro. He was suspended for alleged failure to go through with a commitment to make a European tour with some American team-mates.

If his contemplated plea is turned down, Owens still plans to seek permission to appear in exhibition at Ohio State's outdoor meet this spring. He wants to extend his broad jump to at least 27 feet and would like to lower the world's quarter mile record from 46.4 seconds.

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He now weighs 178 pounds compared with 163 in 1936. He wants to melt off 10 pounds before entering competition. He hopes to receive his degree in August.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Bama Stater Does Century In 9.5

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Leo Tarrant, Bama State ace dash man, ran the 100-yard dash in 9.5 here this afternoon in the finals of the Second Annual Alabama State Relays held here at Hornet Stadium, Friday and Saturday of this week. His performance was the outstanding feat of the host college in a meet which was featured by fast track events, and well above average performances in the field.

Wilberforce Netters Defeat White College

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The Wilberforce university varsity tennis squad composed of Jack Points, Wilberforce, Ohio; Milan Qualls, Los Angeles; Squire Heard, Wilberforce; Bruce Green, Wilberforce; Benny Monroe, Cleveland, and Rudolph Heard, Dallas, got off to a good start this season in Ohio intercollegiate competition by taking Rio Grande college in two matches, 5-1 and 5-0. The first match was played at Rio Grande, and the second at Wilberforce.

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Wilberforce netters journeyed to Wilmington, Ohio, where they defeated Wilmington college 7-1.

Under the leadership of Coach F. A. Thomas, a newcomer in the Midwestern tennis coaching ranks, the Wilberforce lads should be heard from in tennis circles before the end of the playing season.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

FEB 22 1941

Joe Louis Not At Fault If His Opponents Are "Hamfats"; Bomber Gives More To Poor Than He Makes On Indoor Battles

JOE LOUIS is being ridiculed widely—in some cases by members of his own race—for the fact that he "goes to bat" so often against "mediocre" opposition in defense of his world heavyweight boxing title.

The Nordic press started the trend long ago. Of late, certain divisions of the sepia press have joined in the anvil chorus. In fact, it has begun to appear that, when widely read columnists run short of live matter for publication they fall back on their "old reliable"—Joe Louis.

Whether favorable or adverse, the writing boys seem to realize when they're ex ponding on Louis they're turning out highly readable copy. No doubt about that There's but one Brown Bom ily supposed to make impor ber. Negroes aren't ordinar tant dough; own several ex pensive cars, dude ranches fine clothes, and a lion's share of the world's goods and, by implication, one is led by the other race as some what unusual when they to believe they are regarded prove of impeachable character and are gifted with extraordinary common sense.

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Aside from being virtually invincible, Louis has h share of the world's good and, unlike the gluttonou Mr. Jack Johnson, he has not used his important position as champion of the world to the disgrace and discredit of his people. Meanwhile, he has gone merrily along his way, putting his title on the line for all aspirants who desire a crack at it. In these ventures he has met with uniform success.

This removes any mystery as to why Joe Louis is the best "copy" in the race—the most publicized Negro in America.

But, getting to the point, those who censure Louis for taking on so many ordinary opponents should hang their heads in shame for the following reasons.

(1) A champion is supposed to give every worthy contender a chance at his crown; if Mike Jacobs' judgment of a "worthy" foe is cloudy, it is not the fault of the Brown Bomber, who is under contract with the Twentieth Century head-man;

(2) Gymnasium tune-ups and sparring bees don't provide complete equipment for keeping a champion in shape. He has to keep fighting—actual contests—in order to keep his physical and psychological balance, his timing, his footwork, his all-round boxing science.

(3) The money Louis makes in his repeated indoor battles doesn't amount to the gross amount he gives away to worthwhile charities;

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(4) They didn't criticize Joe when he fought regularly before becoming champion; why jump on him now?

They say one of the major faults of Louis' fighting "hamfats" is that the latter don't need the money; then the question is raised: Why not fight some fellow who really needs the money

The column reacts but one way to such a line of reasoning. That's in this manner: If, as is contended, Louis is fighting nothing but "hamfats," how could anyone doubt these guys' real need of the six or seven thousand dollars they draw for facing the champion? Can anyone offer a better reason than actual need and want—as to why a "hamfat" would risk life and limb against Joe Louis?

Mr. Jack Troy, in his own column of a few days ago, opined that it is a sad commentary on the havyweight fight game these days that the "top" price on tickets to a title go used to be $30 but, in the Louis-Dorazio promotion, was down to a paltry $5.

If Mr. Troy can recall, the top price for Louis' outdoor title defenses has averaged $27.50 over the entire space of time he has held the title—this in an area of depression. The column knows; it has been on the scene.

The $30 "top" Mr. Troy mentions prevailed at a peak of American prosperity in the era of the Gene Tunney - Jack Dempsey matches in Philadelphia and Chicago (1926 and 1927). It is a high tribute to Mike Jacobs and Joe Louis that, in the throes of the depression, they were able to revive "million dollar" gates in the Max Baer and second Max Schmeling title fights with a top price existing that was only $2.50 less than that of the said "boom" period.

The $5 "top" Mr. Troy mentioned was merely the peak price for an "indoor" bout. Some of Louis' other indoor matches have commended a better figure. Jack Dempsey made no indoor title defenses—in fact, he only made five outdoors—but it is a reasonably fact that the top price for such bouts would have been correspondingly low, due to the structure of the present day heavyweight fighting game.

If the opponents Louis is called on to face these days are "pushovers" and "hamfats," it is certainly not Joe's fault. He doesn't make his competition; he only faces it like a true champion. In short order

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A neat little thought, though, is just how one ascertains just how "hammy" the Bomber's respective opponents are. He makes equally short and business-like work of the boys they rated "good."

It matters little here how long the personal sieges on Louis continue, because, fortunately, they are too remote to do him mortal harm. And too, if they ceased, a lot of the writing boys, withdull column in prospect, would have nothing whatever to offer critical and demanding John Public.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MAYOR

THE DEATH of Lou Gehrig, one time prominent baseball player, has created a vacancy on the New York City Parole Commision that gives to Mayor LaGuardia another opportunity to serve the Negro citizens of the city.

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For a long time it has been felt by social workers and criminologists that the crime rate among Negroes of the city could be decreased if Negroes were given a greater share in guiding the affairs of those who have broken the law and who are under control of the courts. Negroes understand one another better than they are understood by other racial groups. However fair an official may be, errors of judgment may occur because of a lack of understanding of the background of the person with whom he is dealing.

Although Negroes represent less than 6 percent of the population, they constitute a much higher percentage of those convicted of crimes, especially juvenile delinquency and misdemeanors. It is with these first offenders that the Parole Commission can do most to rehabilitate, and for that reason we feel that the Negro is entitled to representation on the board of the Commission.

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As much as we regret the passing of Commissioner Gehrig, we feel that his death offers to the Mayor another opportunity to serve the Negro through the appointment of a member of our group to the Commission.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

District Needs Colored Boxing Commissioner

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON.

After its ludicrous performance in entertaining the claim of Ancil Hoffman, manager of Buddy Baer, for the heavyweight championship of the world for his boxer, the District of Columbia Boxing Commission had the effrontery, last week, to seek compensation of $3,000 a year each for its two civilian members.

Major Ernest W. Brown, superintendent of police, the third member, is technically ineligible to receive another salary from the District because he already is on its payroll.

Supported by Colored

One of the three boxing commissioners ought to be a colored man. Time and again it has been proved that colored fans are the chief support of the boxing game here.

The only funds the boxing commission gets comes from a tax on admissions to boxing contests and fees from the licensing of boxers, managers and seconds.

The only return to colored people is the occasional assignment of Dr. Joseph E. Trigg as a judge and Dr. C. Herbert Marshall as a physician.

Pete Sawyer had a license as a referee, but after mixed matches were started he was given no assignments, although the commission designates the referees for all contests in rotation.

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N. Y. COLLEGE HAS COLORED TRACK CAPT.

NEW YORK, June 26—For the first time in history, the varsity track team of the College of the City of New York will have a colored captain in 1942. His name is Cliff Goldstein.

But don't let the name fool you, as it has fooled so many others. Cliff, a dark-brown, muscular, five foot six distance runner, is definitely not on the Jewish side.

He has been one of the most dependable point-getters on the City College track squad all season, and was co-captain of the fresh- last year, but he didn't gain his share of the national cinder path man cross-country team at City spotlight until a few weks ago, when he took third place honors in the IC4A two-mile race at Randalls Island.

Two Mile His Specialty

The two-mile race is Cliff's specialty, although he helps out in a meet by running the mile, half-mile, and even taking part in the mile relay—as he did at the Penn Relays.

It was at the Penn Relays that Cliff's name almost got him chucked out of a race. The officials had the names of the four City men on the relay team—with Goldstein assigned to run the anchor leg. When Cliff took his place, somebody asked him where he came from—and what had happened to oGldstein?

"I'm Goldstein," said Cliff.

"Don't hand me that," said the man preparing to give him the heave-ho. "Whoever heard of a colored boy named Goldstein?"

An embarrassing sittuation for all concerned was avoided by the timely arrival of a colored newspaper man who knew Cliff and identified him.

Are You Sure?

This, however, is not quite as bad as what happened one day when Cliff first entered City College. A teacher was calling the roll, and when Cliff answered to his name, the teacher had him to stand up. Looking at him steadily, the teacher asked point blank:

"Are you sure your name is

Cliff is a junior, 20 years old and lives with his mother. He is an only child.

He did his preparatory work at DeWitt Clinton high school, and was captain of the cross country track team there. He also won the junior Metropolitan A. A. U. three-mile championship.

Since enrolling at City he has placed second in the Metropolitan intercollegiate two-mile and New York iPoneer club.

His major is sociology, but his best subject is German. A member of the Douglass Society, he has also been chairman of group guidance project of 1940 social science.

His ambition is to be either a policeman or fireman.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

High Jump Mark Set By Bill Stewart

Xavier Student Clips Second Off 1,500 Meter Time

By BILL BONI
Associated Press Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA, June 28. — The 53rd National A. A. U. annual track and field championships opened today at Franklin Field with two records broken, one record tied—and Veteran Joe McCluskey the center of attention because for once in his long running career he was unable to finish a race.

McCluskey was leading the field in the 10,000-meter run which is 376 yards and inches longer than six miles and looked to be in good shape as he finished the 20th of his 24 laps. But as he passed the checking station the next time he was tying up badly.

McCluskey struggled on, gamely in quest of his 24th national championship in 12 years of running, but he was almost out on his feet when Paul Pilgrim, New York A. C. athletic director, finally pulled him off the track. He collapsed and had to be carried to the center of the field, where he finally recovered sufficiently to be taken to a hospital.

Dr. Joseph Levy, who attended McCluskey, diagnosed his condition as cardiac and heat collapse and stiffening of the muscles. And it definitely ruled him out of tomorrow's 3,000-meter steeplechase in which he was the favorite.

Don Lash, winner of the 10,000 a year ago dropped out after only six laps.

The race was run for both senior and junior titles and Lou Gregory of New York's Millrose A. A., picked up where McCluskey left off to take the senior championship in 33 minutes, 11 seconds. Ted Volmer, of the San Francisco Olympic Club, the runner-up, became junior champion and was caught in 33:23.7.

With the exception of this race and the 3,000-meter walk, also run for both, today's competition was for the junior championships, open to athletes who never have won national, N. C. A. A., or I. C. 4-A. titles in their specialties.

The record breakers were Edward Culp, of Xavier College, in New Orleans, a slim negro lad who clipped a full second off the meet mark for 1,500 meters, and Bill Stewart, University of Southern California freshman, who pushed the meet's high jump "ceiling" to 6 feet, 8 3-8 inches.

100-Meter Mark Equalled

Culp, holding his bid until the back stretch of the last lap, came on to win by 15 yards over Theodore Nebrich, of Buffalo, N. Y. His time was 3:56.1 turned in two years ago at Lincoln, Neb., by John Munski, of Missouri.

The only one equalled was in the 100-meter dash, in which Peyton Jordan, of the Southern California A. A. streaked into the tape a good 10 feet in front in 10.4 seconds.

Two men were double winners. Bill Cummins, of Houston, Texas, a Rice Institute hurdler, scored decisively both at 110 and 200 meters. Clarence Lewis of the Rankin C. C. in Pittsburgh, first won the broad jump and then added to it the hop, step and jump.

The crowd hit a peak of 15,000. At least double that number are expected tomorrow, when the senior titles will bring into action runners like Les Mac Mitchell, Walter Mehl, Greg Rice, Harold Davis and Grover Klemmer; hurdlers like Joe Batiste and Fred Wolcott, and field event men such as Al Blozis, Les Steers, Cornelius Warmerdam and Earle Meadows.

Because A. A. U. officials neglected to announce one officially, the press box was forced to compile its own point score. This gave the team title to the Southern California A. A., made up of past and present students at the University of Southern California, with 61 points, to 41 for the Penn A. C. of Philadelphia, 21 for the New York A. C. and 20 for the San Francisco Olympic Club which is the choice to retain the senior team crown.

100-meter dash (final) — won by Peyton Jordan, Southern California A. A.; second, James O'Reilly, Southern California A. A.; third, Herbert Douglas, Xavier College, New Orleans; fourth, Edward Greenidge, New York Pioneer Club; fifth, Hal Sinclair, Southern California A. A.; sixth, **Leo Tarrant, Alabama State College.** Time, 10.4 (equals meet record).

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Chicago, Illinois

TUTORED BY ALBRITTON, OLYMPIC STAR

By EMORY O. JACKSON

ATLANTA, June 26—(ANP) Greet the record of the Alabama born national track king of Negro major track meets for 1941. Lee Tarrant, dash sensation of Alabama State Teachers college at Montgomery, is kingpin of the tracks according to ratings by both Ric Roberts and Lucius Jones, two nationally recognized sports authorities.

One day when Tarrant had recovered from two different attacks of pneumonia, the doctor told him to begin running for his health. Out at Ensley, Ala., where he was born, there was a large reservoir owned by a large steel company which he used to

A frisky little girl skipped up like around takng his exercise. to Tarrant one day and said "I'll race you." He took her challenge and they agreed on 50 yards. To his surprise Tarrant lost to the switchy girl. That stung him so bad, with boys teasing him about it too, that he decided from that day on that no frisky girl or teasing boy would outrun him.

He became a great athlete at Ensley and at the Westfield high schools, after leaving elementary school with the reputation of the fastest boy in school. He starred in football and was outstanding more for his high jump mark of 6 feet, 4¾ inches than his running.

When Alabama-contributed Albritton came to State Teachers college two years ago, he found Tarrant and observed his many running possibilities.

Under the tutelage of Coach Albritton, Tarrant became an overnight sensation. Tarrant had two hard-to-correct faults which his coach finally succeeded in improving, but not entierly eliminating.

Handicapped all this year by a bad ankle, Tarrant in four major meets has placed first three times, and second once. He lost in a close finish to Wright of Texas in the Drake relays. June 28-29 he expects to compete in the National AAU meet at Philadelphia. This meet will bring together the four best century men from the four sections of the country. Tarrant from the South; Wright from the Southwest; Hal Davis from the Golden Coast, and Penn's Ewell from the East, are the quartet.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Wins Five Of On Program Ten Events

Coveted Title To A Colored Star 2nd Year In Succession

BRIDGETON, N. J. — John Borican, the sensational ex-Virginia State middle distance star, added another amazing victory to his list of honors when he won five out of ten of the decathlon events here and walked away with the national A. A. U. decathlon championship with a total of 5,892 points.

Borican dominated the ten-event track and field competition before a small home town crowd here and defeated his opponents in one half of the events, an outstanding achievement that has seldom been duplicated in decathlon competition. The meet lasted for two days.

WATSON NOT PRESENT

Placing second to Borican was U. C. Jones, former University of Michigan star. William Watson, Michigan University's versatile Negro athlete and last year's champion, did not compete.

Other stars who competed for

the championship were: Joshua Williamson, Atlantic City, N. J., former Xavier University, New Orleans, athlete, who garnered 5,236 points; Howard Jensen, of Philadelphia, former Temple University athlete, 4,644 points; and Archie Harris, of Ocean City, N. J., Indiana's national collegiate discus champion, who recently broke the world discus record, 4,289 points.

WINS FIVE EVENTS

Borican's wins were registered in the following events: 110 meter high hurdles, 16.5 seconds; 1,500 meter run, 4:17.2; 100 meter dash, 11.3 seconds; broad jump, 21 feet, 7 inches; and the 400 meter dash, 51 seconds.

Borican is a native of Bridgeton. He ran under the colors of the Asbury Park, N. J., Athletic Club. A graduate of Virginia State College, he has continued competition for the past few years and has been a consistent winner, both indoors and outdoors, at distances from 600 to 1,500 meters.

Borican, former National AAU pentathlon champion and present holder of the world's 600-yard and 1,000 yard records wound up the tournament with a fourth in the shot put, a third place tie with Jensen in the high jump, a clear third in the pole vault, a fourth in the javelin throw, and a fourth in the discus throw.

WEATHER BAD

The world's most coveted single honor in the realm of track and field was annexed by Borican under weather conditions which were anything but comfortable. A gusty wind, accompanied by heavy shower, sent most of the spectators home before half of the last five events had been completed on July 4, the second and last day of the tournament. When the 1,500 meter run was called, the field was a sea of mud.

Archie Harris, who dropped out of the tournament at the end of four events on Thursday, was allowed to return on Friday, the officials explaining that the Indiana star could drop out of two events and still compete under a rule so old that it had almost been forgotten.

As one might suspect, Harris established a new record for a decathlon discus throw with a heave of 167 feet. The previous best was 154 feet.

THE SUMMARIES

100-Meter Dash—Won by John Borican, Shore A. C.; second, Joshua Williamson, Xavier College; third, Archie Harris, Indiana University; fourth, Uyval Jones, University of Michigan; fifth, Howard Jensen, Temple University. Time—0:11.3.

Running Broad Jump—Won by Borican; second, Jensen; third, Jones; fourth, Williamson; fifth, Harris. Distance—21 feet 7 inches.

Shot-Put—Won by Harris; second, Jones; third, Williamson; fourth, Borican; fifth, Jensen. Distance—44 feet, 4 inches.

High Jump—Won by Jones; second, Williamson; tie for third between Borican and Jensen; fifth, Harris. Height—5 feet 10¾ inches.

400-Meter Run—Won by Borican; second, Williamson; third, Jones; fourth, Jensen. (Harris did not compete.) Time—0:51.

110-Meter High Hurdles—First heat, won by Uyval Jones, Detroit; second, Joshua Williamson, Xavier College. Time—0:18.8. Second heat, won by John Borican, Asbury Park (N. J.) A. C.; second, Howard Jensen, Philadelphia. Time—0:16.5. Point scoring (based on heat performance), Borican, 710; Jensen, 520; Jones, 475; Williamson, 429.

Discus Throw—Won by Archie Harris, Indiana University; second, Jones; third, Williamson; fourth, Borican; fifth, Jensen. Distance—167 feet (new decathlon record; former record, 154 feet). Point scoring—Harris, 1,065; Jones, 575; Williamson, 359; Borican, 351; Jensen, 312.

Pole Vault—Won by Jensen; second, Jones; third, Borican; fourth, tie between Williamson and Harris. Height—10 feet 9 inches. Point scoring—Jensen, 609; Jones, 507; Borican, 320; Williamson and Harris, 265 each.

Javelin Throw—Won by Williamson; second, Jones; third, Harris; fourth, Borican; fifth, Jensen. Distance—51.26 meters. Point scoring—Williamson, 610; Jones, 507; Harris, 396; Borican, 369; Jensen, 264.

1,500 Meter Run—Won by Borican; second, Wililamson; third, Harris; fourth, tie between Jones and Jensen. Time—4:17.2. Point scoring—Borican, 735; Williamson, 322; Harris, 264; Jones and Jensen, 176 each.

FINAL POINT STANDING

Borican	5,892	Jensen	4,644
Jones	5,590	Harris	4,289
Williamson	5,236		

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Shows Superiority In Sprint Event

Wilberforce's Jean Lane became America's sprint queen when she beat Stella Walsh, world and Olympic champion sprinter from Poland in the finals of the 200 meter dash at the A. A. U. women's championship track and field meet in Ocean City, N. J. last weekend. Miss Lane, a major in physical education at Wilberforce and that school's only entry in the meet, wears glasses when she runs. She had a two foot margin of victory in this final race which was run in 25.2, two-fifths of a second slower time than the world's record held by Miss Walsh. Miss Lane has defeated the Polish star in every race in which the two have competed. Miss Lane won the 100 meter dash also.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Wins Decathlon Championship

John Borican, America's new AAU decathlon champion, who won the event at Bridgeton, N. J. last week by winning five of the ten events and placing no lower than fourth in the other five. He was formerly a Virginia State College athlete. He holds the penthalon championship.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Massachusetts' Governor Takes Active Interest In Gala Event

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BOSTON, Mass.—(SNS)—Thanks to the generous cooperation of Massachuttes' Gov. Leverett M. Saltonstall, when the forthcoming tournament of the National Negro Golf Association opens this summer it will provide a vital link between the progressive Negro of today and the very first settlers of the race to reach New England. The governor issued a statement a few days ago which turned over to the tournament the historic Ponkapoag Links at fashionable Canton, exclusive Boston suburb. Prize money will be $1,000.

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The gesture marks several "firsts". It is the first time, for instance, that this exclusive resort of the "Beacon Hill" set has been turned over to colored players. It is the first time, also, that an official who is both the chief executive of a major state and a national figure of no small prominence has evinced an interest in the promotion of such an outstanding sports organization as the National Negro Golf Association. Most important, it is perhaps the first time in history that a golf tournament has ever been held on a plot of grounds that for nearly three hundred years has been closely tied to the Negro and Indians of the New England sector.

"Ponkapoag" is the Indian name given to a tract of land that was used, as early as 1650, as a reservation for Indians captured in battle and later released, and the Negro slaves who had come to live with the Indians in considerable numbers. The "reservation" received considerable increases in its population after the Revolution, when a number of freed Negroes mingled with the Indians and intermarried. For many generations this tract remained the joint abode of the Indians and Negroes; only in comparatively recent years, when the growth of an all-Negro-Indian community farther down Cape Cod became an important factor, has the rich Ponkapoag section been turned over to the socially exclusive set of nearby Boston.

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This year's tournament of the association, opening early in the summer, is expected to be one of the most memorable in the body's history. Competition, already keen, is expected to be increased by local and sectional tournaments which will begin in April in May. Joe Louis, who officially opened the communication which made Boston, the seat of the tournament, is lending the affair considerable prestige and has caused several New England officials to evince interest in it. In Boston the largest group of local sponsors ever to gather behind a sporting event are making extensive plans for the affair's success.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Negro Youth Congress To Back Miners' Union

MAR 20 1941

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Support to the miners' unions in their coming negotiations for contracts was pledged by the Southern Negro Youth Congress last week in a letter addressed to Hartford Knight, District 20 representative of the United Mine Workers of America. The letter further called attention to the more than 1500 deaths which occurred in the mines during 1940 and urged the passage of the Federal mine inspection bill, long advocated by the U. M. W.

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Chicago, Illinois

YOUTH GROUP HOLDS CONFAB IN ALABAMA

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Unlike the usual annual conference of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, the next national conference will take the form of an Alabama Youth Legislature, which was provided for during the last annual conference of the SNYC. The seat of the Youth Legislature Assembly will be in the industrial community of Ensley, Alabama.

It has been stated by the leaders of the Congress that due to the ever increasing problems involving the social, economic, and political status of the Negro people in the South, together with the far reaching effect of the war situation it becomes imperative that the youth leaders throughout the South should give special attention to the situation as it affects our group.

Problems concerning civil liberties, police brutality, the right to vote, protection of labor, equal educational facilities, job security, and the continuation of other democratic ideals together with other much needed legislation, will be considered and passed on by the youthful legislators.

The Alabama Youth Legislature will open Friday evening, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a public session and will adjourn Sunday evening, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. All state organizations are requested to send at least four representatives to help formulate an effective legislative program for the people of Alabama.

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Preparation for the State Youth Legislature is being carried on under the auspices of the Jefferson County Youth Federation.

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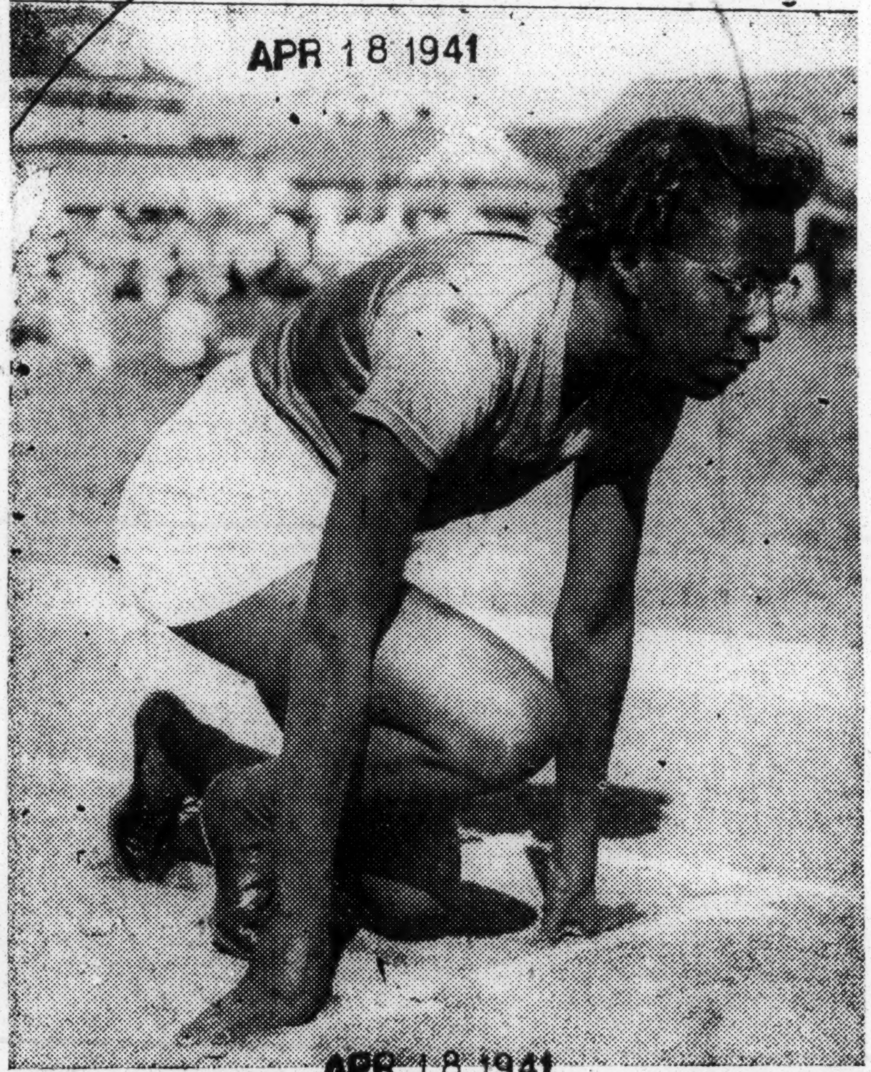
Atlanta, Georgia

Shatters World 200-Mark



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JEAN BETTY LANE, crack junior co-ed of Wilberforce University who is holder of the world record in the 100 yard dash for women, also shattered the 200 meter dash mark last Saturday in Atlantic City when she reeled off the furlong in 25.1 seconds.

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The previous world record of 26.1 seconds in the 200 meter run was broken by Stella Walsh, white, in a preliminary heat she toured in 25.7 seconds at the National AAU Senior Women's Championships. Miss Lane broke both of Miss Walsh's records in the furlong at one and the same time when she made her brilliant performance the past week.

Jean also won the 50 yard dash, batting 1.000 in the two events in which she participated.

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Baltimore, Maryland

'White Hope' Tourney Won by Colored

APR 12 1941

NEW YORK.—Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring, returned from Wichita, Kansas, last week, with the announcement that the Southwestern amateur boxing tournament, designed to produce a likely white hope prospect, was won by Arnold McAlpine, a colored fighter of Pittsburgh, Mo., and Kansas State Teachers' College.

Fleischer said:

"Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong have inspired the colored youth of America more than suspected. In the mid-western colleges where there is a large enrollment of colored boys, there are some fine young boxing prospects among the boys of Joe's and Henry's race. In fact of the thirty-eight heavyweights in the tournament, of whom three were colored, two of the three reached the semi-finals.

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"McAlpine, a clean-cut boy, is a terrific hitter, but isn't clever. He is six feet two and broad-shouldered and, if taken in hand, will amount to something as a fighter. The best fighter in the tournament was another colored boy named Shearon, a light heavyweight."

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

World Marks Are Set

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ATLANTIC CITY.—What with Tom East of Cheyney, Jean Lane, Wilberforce, and the Tuskegee girls' team the lights of Atlantic City Municipal auditorium had a slightly sepia tint Saturday evening.

For these collective personages just about dominated the senior women's and junior men's AAU championships which were held over the week-end.

The 18-year-old Miss Lane cleaned up individual performances by beating the great Stella Walsh herself and a record set by Miss Walsh earlier.

Having already a triumph over the Polish girl, gained in Ocean City last summer, Miss Lane proceeded to set a world's mark of 25.1 in 200 meter championship, beating her opponent by three yards. In doing so she wiped out the mark set by Miss Walsh of 25.7 that afternoon. It was an astonishing performance all around.

Also Wins 50

Not content with this, Miss Lane came back to take the 50 meter run from Jeannette Jones of Harrisburg, a distance the Keystone State lass had just about dominated.

East also captured two first places and further established himself as one of the outstanding racers of the district. He took first honors in the 100 yard dash, the first time such an event has been run indoors, and the 60. His time in the 100, tagged the "Mayor Thomas D. Taggart Century" with an appropriate trophy, was 10.1.

In the 60 he negotiated the distance in 6.5. Cheyney sent four men to the shore, who returned with six medals and a trophy. APR 17 1941

The Tuskegee girls' team again won first honors as the highly able squad ran up valuable points in practically every division of the women's competition. APR 17 1941

JUNIOR MEN

60-Yard High Hurdles—1, Elijah Gordon, Perth Amboy High School; 2, Herb Rodebaugh, Temple University; 3, H. Harrison, Temple University; 4, Ed Boyle, Temple University; 5, J. Scowler, Collegiate Track and Field Club. Time, 8.2 seconds.

1000-Yard Run—1, Henry Hart, Temple; 2, Morris Freed, Temple; 3, Walter Lynch, Fordham University; 4, Leo Dolan, Shanahan C. C., Phila. Time, 2.21.

60-Yard Dash—1, Tom East, Cheyney State Teachers; 2, Ed Haig, Jr., Prudential Insurance A. A., N. J.; 3, Al Glenn, Fordham; 4, Lewis Taylor, unattached; 5, John Hertz, Margate A. A. Time, 0.6.5.

High Jump—1, Alex Boruch, St. John's, N. Y.; 2, Daniel Wasco, Prudential Insurance A. A., N. J.; 3, Robert Chant, Warinanco A. A., N. J. Height, 6 feet.

Sprint Medley Relay—1, St Joseph's College (Walter Mattucci, Joseph McFalls, Ed McElduff, Ed Nicholas and James Mackell); 2, Collegiate T. and F. Club; 3, Shanahan C. C. Time, 2.01.6.

Pole Vault—1, Tie among Charles Getchell, Temple; Henry Kuplak, Temple, and John Hubert; Temple; 4, Tie among R. Riley, Collingswood High School; John Dennehey, Temple, and Richie McCormick Fordham. Height, 12 feet.

Three-Mile Run—1, Dave Williams, Shanahan C. C.; 2, Bob Martz, Shanahan C. C.; 3, Vincent Hermanason, Shanahan C. C.; 4, Bob Grendlous, Shanahan C. C.; 5, Tom Conbay, Shanahan C. C. Time 15.02.4. APR 17 1941

16-Pound Shot Put—1, Michael Motto, St. John's, 2, S. Benjamin, unattached; 3, F. Getchell, Temple. Distance 49 feet, 1 inch, (new record).

880-Yard Relay—1, Overbrook High School, Philadelphia. (Marks and Grant); 2, Cheyney State Teachers; 3, St. Joseph's. Time, 1.32.8.

Mile Run—1, Henry Hart, Temple; 2, Ed Morgan, Penn A. C.; 3, Walt Aiken, Temple; 4, Al Smith, Jr., Temple; 5, Charley Hobbs, Mercury A. A., Philadelphia. Time, 4.23.1 (new record).

100-Yard Dash—1, Tom East, Cheyney Teachers; 2, Ed Nicholas, St. Joseph's; 3, Ed Haig, Prudential Insurance A. A.; 4, Jim McFalls, St. Joseph's. Time, 0.10.1. (First indoor 100-yard champion).

600-Yard Run—1, Dick Buckalew, Temple; 2, Al Clem, Fordham; 3, David Morgans, Temple; 4, Walt Matteucci, St. Joseph's; 5, George Hedges, unattached, Philadelphia. Time, 1.20.3.

Mile Walk—Joe Madegyeski, New York A. C.; 2, Jim Woodruff, Prudential Insurance A. A.; 3, William Wilson, Mitchell A. C.; 4, Art Hall, Staten Island Harriers; 5, George Casper, Mitchell A. C.; 6, Isadore Moses, Staten Island Harriers. Time, 7.22.

Mile Relay—1, Temple (Malickson, Hart, Aiken and Harrison); 2, Mercury A. A.; 3, Shanahan A. A.; 4, North Light B. C. Time, 3.92.2.

Broad Jump—1, Alex Borouch, St. John's University; 2, Ed Nicholas, St. Joseph's; 3, A. McLeod, Cheyney Teachers; 4, E. Hallum, Philadelphia, unattached. Distance, 22 feet, 5 1-2 inches.

Two-Mile Steeplechase—1, Jackson, Temple; 2, Cauffman, Temple; 3, Georgi, Fordham; 4, David, 69th Regiment; 5, Aiken, Temple; 6, Moses, unattached, Philadelphia. Time, 10.43.4.

Distance Medley Relay—1, Temple; 2, Mercury A. A. "A" team; 3, Shanahan A. A.; 4, Mercury A. A. "B" team; 5, Mitchell A. A. APR 17 1941

SENIOR WOMEN'S EVENTS

200-Metres—1, Jean Lane, Wilberforce University; 2, Stella Walsh, Polish Olympic Club; 3, Hester Brown, Tuskegee Institute; 4, Jeannette Jones, Harrisburg A. A.; 5, Olive Hasenfus, Boston S. A.; 6, Elizabeth Peel, Philadelphia Moose. Time, 0.25.1. (new world record).

50-Metre Hurdles—1, Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee Institute; 2, Hilda Plepis, Philadelphia Moose; 3, Nancy Coperthwaite, German-American A. C.; 4, Leila Perry, Tuskegee Institute; 5, Rose Przbyski, Polish Olympic; 6, Helm McKee, Philadelphia Moose. Time, 0.8.1.

50-Meter Dash—1, Jean Lane, Wilberforce; 2, Jeannete Jones, Harrisburg A. A.; 3, Lucy Newell, Tuskegee; 4, Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee; 5, Mary DeShayes, Phila. Moose; 6, Betty Charters, Phila. Moose. Time, 0.6.8.

Standing Broad Jump—1, Lucy Newell, Tuskegee; 2, Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee; 3, Nancy Coperthwaite, German-American; 4, Betty Charters, Phila. Moose; 5, Rita Corrigan, Polish Olympic; 6, Mary Campbell, York A. C. Distance, 8 feet 1 7-8 inches.

Basketball Throw—1, Marian Twinning, Phila. Moose; 2, Mildred Yetter, Phila. Moose; 3, Mrs. Evelyn Taylor, Taylor A. C.; 4, Marie Sostai, Harrisburg A. A.; 5, Stella Walsh, Polish Olympic Club; 6, Elizabeth De Lone, Harrisburg A. A. Distance, 93 feet, 6 1-4 inches.

High Jump—1, Alice Coachman, Tuskegee; 2, Jean Marie Harvey, Phila. Moose; 3, Nancy Coperthwaite, German-American; 4, Frances Gorn, Polish Olympic Club; 5, Lelia Perry, Tuskegee; 6, Elizabeth Clancy, German-American. Height, 5 feet.

400-Metre Relay—1, Tuskegee, A Team; 2, Phila. Moose, A Team; 3, Tuskegee, B Team; 4, Philadelphia Moose, B Team; 5, Polish Olympic Club. Time, 50.3.

Eight-Pound Shot Put—1, Dorothy Dodson, Chicago Hurricanes; 2, Hattie Hall, Tuskegee; 3, Frances Gorn, Polish Olympic; 4, Carolyn Yetter, Phila. Moose. Distance, 35 feet, 5-8 inches.

Selma, Ala., Times Journal
April 14, 1941

Seeks World Record In Hundred Yard Run

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 14—(AP)—A world record in the 100-yard dash will be sought here by Leo Tarrant next Saturday when the sprint star of Alabama State College for negroes competes in the third annual Alabama State relays.

Tarrant, a year ago, covered the distance in 9.5 seconds at the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet in Atlanta. The record is 9.4.

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Grover Klemmer of California and Gene Littler of Nebraska captured their heats of the 440 yard dash in the fair times of 48.9 seconds and 49.4 seconds respectively. Three Big Ten runners, Roy Cochran and Marc Jenkins of Indiana, and Bob Ufer of Michigan were shut out. Al Blozis, Georgetown giant, submitted the best mark in the shot put, 54 feet ⅛ inch, while Bob Wright, Ohio State star, led in the 120 yard high hurdles with a :14.6 performance.

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By FRANK A. (FAY) YOUNG

LEGION FIELD, BIRMINGHAM, New Year's Day—Eight thousand fans saw Morris Brown college of Atlanta rise to its height on the first day of 1941 and "mow down" Wilberforce university's gallant football team of Ohio by the score of 19 to 3 in the first annual Steel bowl game.

With the victory went the Negro National Collegiate football championship of America.

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Dorham Shrewd Pilot

Two stellar lines met. Morris Brown, however, had the power and the speed in the backfield and this was backed up by stamina and brains for if ever a quarterback has been overlooked by the sharp-eyed football critics, it has been Wilbur Dorham, the 160 pounds of flesh who is the best blocking back of the year.

Big "Jawn" Moody from Freeport, Pa., led his mates to a clean cut victory and was rightly paid the great tribute given him by fans of both races as he was assisted off the field in the final quarter with an injured ankle.

Big Jawn had fought it out for honors with "60-minute" Bill Schnebly of Overton, Nebr., the 265-pound tackle and field goal booter of Wilberforce. Sixty pounds lighter in weight was Moody—but when the game was over, he had the honors.

Moody a Great Back

What Moody had was everything a great fullback needs. He stamped himself All American calibre, lived up to his reputation and won the plaudits of the crowd and visiting coaches who were here from all parts of the country.

The fans got what they went to see—a hard fought, but clean football game. Twice in succession Morris Brown was set back in the first quarter for holding. Then, after Wilberforce had failed to make enough yardage on three plays to suit Captain Lorenzo Carter, Guard Schnebly dropped back and booted a field goal from the Morris Brown 15-yard stripe. The Ohioans had worked their way to Morris Brown's seven. The field goal gave Wilberforce a 3 to 0 lead.

Wilberforce had plenty of supporters. The Green and Gold colors were plentiful.

Morris Brown then struck hard and fast. With Moody, Clarence Brown alternate captain from Marietta, Ga., Joe Mitchell of Atlanta and Joe Jenkins, from Rahway, N. J., taking turns at carrying the ball, Morris Brown worked its way to the Wilberforce 37.

Wolverines Strike Fast

Jenkins took a reverse from Moody who had been handed the ball by Mitchell and while Wilberforce players were trying to get to Mitchell, then to Moody, Jenkins went over standing up. Moody kicked the extra point and Morris Brown was out in front 7 to 3 before the quarter was over.

The Morris Brown fans—and it seemed like all Atlanta had come to this game—went into a frenzy.

A scoreless second period left the count 7 to 3 after both teams had showed a determination to go down fighting like men. Moody missed a field goal try. Wilberforce tried a fourth down field goal near the end of the half but Schnebly's boot was wide.

Parker High Band Good

Between the halves, the Parker high school band went through some intricate maneuvers and turned loose some excellent music. The six supple drum majorettes—many will be heading for Tuskegee institute—more than made up for the stiffness of the boy drum major. But the Parker high band did play music.

Up in the stands was the Rosedale high band—a smaller one than the Parker outfit. They also tooted and made as much noise, especially when it came to Tuxedo Junction, a song named after a part of town four miles down the road. Then the brasses and the horns and the clarinets got busy and started moaning. One time they even diverted the attention of the fans from the game in the third quarter. The swing music caught the jitterbugs' attention.

Franklin punted to the Wilberforce one-inch line shortly after the third period started. The ball came down on its nose along about the 10, bounced high in the air, hit end over end twice—and then did a peculiar flop.

It hit on its flat side on the one-inch stripe and instead of bounding over the line for a touchback, it started bounding for the sidelines. With the Morris Brown ends bearing down the field to deaden the ball, Wilberforce's anchor man picked the oval up and ran it back to his own 13 where he was hit hard.

Mr. Moody And Mr. Brown

If he had any stuffin' left in him it was because he couldn't belch it out because those Morris Brown tacklers brought him down so hard the earth shook from under him and out of his hands went the ball to be recovered by Capt. Gerald Brown.

Mr. Moody was called on and Mr. Moody did his stuff. The only way to have stopped him was to have called out the United States marines with their machine guns. He was unstoppable. This touchdown by Moody boosted Morris Brown's total to 13 as the try for extra point was wide.

Many believed Coach Artis P. Graves' proteges would play safe but they don't play that kind of football down in Atlanta. With a five-man line and a Z-formation which can shift either to the right or to the left and with equal suddenness, the Purple and Black clad warriors weren't taking any chances on Wilberforce catching them.

STATISTICS

	M. Brown	'Force
First downs	13	6
Yards from rushing	202	96
Passes attempted	17	9
Passes completed	9	2
Passes incomplete	6	7
Passes intercepted	2	2
Yards gained from passing	136	19
Yards gained punt returns	89	46
Yards gained kickoff returns	75	75
Yards gained from intercepted passes	29	17
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles recovered	1	4
Punts (average)	38	37
Field goals attempted	1	2
Field goals made	0	1
Yardage lost by penalties	70	30

Joe Jenkins Totes Ball

Morris Brown's final score came in the first part of the final quarter. Joe Mitchell gathered in a Wilberforce punt, raced all over the field and then cut to his left traveling, with his mates taking out Wilberforce tacklers in beautiful style, 65 yards for a touchdown. But in his cross-the-field jaunt, Jenkins must have traveled a good 100 yards or more.

One Wilberforce player still has a piece of the Morris Brown player's jersey. He got his hands on Jenkins' shirt but Jenkins left him standing with the piece of purple standing like the Statue of Liberty in New York's harbor. The try for evtra point was again missed.

Four minutes before the game ended, down came the raindrops driving most of the fans out of the stands.

Wilberforce, nor its coaches, Country Lewis, Big Pherson and Baker, had anything to feel downhearted about. The Ohioans, who are mid-western champions with the first leg on the Frank A. Young championship trophy, just met a better team—a team which today could have stopped any Negro team in the country—and most of the white teams.

Ohioans Play Good Game

Starring for the Ohioans besides Schnebly were Cliff Brown, Benard Proctor and James Price of Flint, Mich. Price proved to be the best ground gainer for Wilberforce. He gained 48 yards by rushing.

Wilberforce, in the closing period, desperately resorted to passing. But it brought the Ohioans nary a thing—those Morris Brown ends, Captain Brown and Grimes, were in there to hurry the passes and the backfield men were alert and batted them down.

The Steel bowl committee announced after the game, as the rain came down in torrents, that the second annual bowl game would take place here on New Year's day in 1942.

A happy Morris Brown team piled into the bus and headed for the hotel after the game. Wilberforce's players, acknowledging that they had been beaten by a superior team, looked forlorn and disappointed—and to make it worse even the skies opened up and drenched them as they left the dressing room.

Steel Bowl a Success

And so the curtain rings down on the 1940 Negro football season. Birmingham had its day—so did the Georgia contingent which came to back their favorite team.

There is no question but that the Steel bowl game is to be one of the greatest games in Negro football in the future. The Steel bowl committee had the support of the daily newspapers—the Birmingham News, the Birmingham Age-Herald and the Birmingham Post. It had the cooperation of the Birmingham police department and the white and Negro citizens of the town. It also had the assistance of such men as Principal T. B. Johnson of the Parker high school. Mr. Johnson is an alumnus of Wilberforce.

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By JOHN H. THOMPSON

HOUSTON. (ANP) — Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight title holder who is touring the country refereeing fights and wrestling matches, told white reporters here this week that "Joe Louis can't take a real punch and the chances are fair that he will lose his title this year."

The once mighty Manassa Mauler, grown fat and heavy footed, also said that while on his tour he was on the lookout for a "white hope" but there was none on the horizon. He hopefully wished though that the "army might, in a year, develop someone who could lick Louis."

Dempsey still talks a good fight for in an unguarded moment he told newshawks that he "would have liked to have fought Louis for I believe I could have stopped him." This from the man who sidestepped bout after bout with Harry Wills.

Joe Has Gone Back

In making his appraisal of the Louis of 1941, Dempsey had the following to say: "I believe that Joe has gone back some. Judging from his fights with Abe Simon and that Musto and Red Burmen, he can't hit as hard as in his earlier fights. Burman (who was KOed in the fifth stanza by a blow to the body by Louis) says Joe never hurt him." (Ed. note: Burman was Dempsey's fighter.)

Jack believes that at least two former champions could have beaten Louis, Willard and Tunney. He said that he believes the Williard in his prime who knocked out Jack Johnson also would have knocked out Louis. (It has never been proven that Jack Johnson did not lay down to Willard).

Giving Billy Conn an outside chance to whip Louis when they meet in June, Dempsey believes that Lou Nova has a much better chance to whip Louis than has Conn. "Conn can't hit but he is a great boxer", said Dempsey. "If he keeps on his bicycle for 15 rounds he may have a chance to win. Louis will have to knock him out to win. Conn, nowever, is a wild-headed Irishman who might start slugging with Louis at any time without much to slug with,' 'he disparaged.

Nova Good Choice

How badly Dempsey rates Louis is indicated by his statement that Nova would have a good chance of winning against Louis if he mixed with him! He thinks Nova can take a punch better and hit much harder than Conn.

Of course, Dempsey might have been spouting for his Southern Texas audience, for it is well known in the North that he has rated Louis pretty highly in the past, in fact has won considerable money betting on him, according to Jacobs' Beach denizons.

As a finale in his talk with newspapermen here, Dempsey let it be known that he has received offers from Washington that he may be a "good will ambassador" to South America.

He received approximately $1,500 for his Houston effort in the wrestling ring.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

JOHN BORICAN IS DECATHLON AAU CHAMP

BRIDGETON, July 17—Just to prove that a prophet or any other dignitary is "with" honor in his own country, John Borican came home last week-end to annex the AAU decathlon title to his already long list of triumphs.

Long John, who is one of the most versatile and unpredictable athletes in the country, beat out a field of four which included two other colored athletes, Joshua Williamson, ex-Xavier high jumper and resident of Atlantic City, and Archie Harris, Ocean City boy, Indiana U. athlete and holder of the world's discus title

Harris' Temperament

Incidentally Harris seems to be rising as a rival to Borican in temperament for during the meet Archie dropped out and then reentered, all on his own accord.

Borican tabbed 5892 points in field. He won in the 1500 meters, 400 meters, 110 high hurdles, 100 meters and broad jump, setting a new mark in the 500 of 4.17.2, no mean feat on a slow track.

The competition was held Thursday and Friday at the Bridgeton high school field.

In Again, Out Again

Interesting as Borican's victory was, Harris' somewhat bewildering actions were even more so. After competing in four of the Thursday events, he refused to start in the 400. Then on Friday he likewise refused to compete in the 110 hurdles.

But when he cracked the meet discus record he decided he was in again. Meanwhile the officials were as puzzled as the spectators but decided to let him continue. Harris ended up with a grand total of 4289 points, taking zero scores in the events he missed.

At the conclusion the scoring was in this order: Borican, 5892; Uyval Jones, Detroit, 5500; Williamson, 5236; Howard Jenson, 4644, and Harris, 4289

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Norwood Ewell of Penn State winning the 100-yard final. Bob Jackson of Princeton (on left), was second. Ewell scored a triple, adding the 220 and running broad jump events. Times Wide World

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Radio Bans Armstrong's Wine Business Program

NEW YORK—(ANP)—The W.O.V. Broadcasting company waited until the morning of the initial broadcast to inform the Henry Armstrong-Skouras Wine Corp. that their program, a half hour of entertainment featuring leading Negro orchestras, would not be aired Monday evening. Repeated telephone calls to the station's offices only brought the response that Paul Gerard, general manager, was "too busy" to speak to this reporter, or to make any comment on the ban.

From other sources, however, it was learned that the station dropped the program because of a change in policy in which "a stronge note for Americanism" is to be emphasized. This is in definite contrast to its policy heretofore when Italian language programs had been a feature, so much so that claims that it had Fascist leanings were frequently levelled at it.

Nevertheless, it has been difficult to see how such reasoning could be applied to a program in which the American Negro is the focal point. The real objection is said to be the fact that Henry Armstrong's name is so very closely identified with the wine product, a thing new to commercial broadcasts.

This identification of the product had been made known to the sales representative for WOV early last week when the program was accepted. The objection is a new development, according to Ben Frankenstein, white manager of the wine corporation. As a matter of fact, he added, the program was to have been divided between that company and the Gramercy Chemical, Inc., makers of a cleansing product. Joe Bostic, no stranger to radio, was to have been the announcer for the program.

Frankenstein further stated: "It seems to me that because we have the audacity to market a wine with the name of a Negro, we are being made to submit to serious inconvenience and loss. It definitely leaves us in a bad spot."

In order that dealers might be well stocked with the company's product when the program started, letters had been sent out to the trade offering a substantial discount to encourage purchases to meet potential consumer demand. It is in this connection that the loss is expected to be felt inasmuch as the discount offered is below the usual figure.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Hank Armstrong Decides Not to Essay Comeback

NEW YORK — Henry Armstrong, it now seems, has decided not to go through with his plans for an intended comeback in the ring. The little man who at one time held three boxing title, last week gave indications of his future activities in a letter to Fred (Pee Wee) Beale, his secretary for five years and New York representative. Writing from California, Armstrong said:

Henry Armstrong

"I've already started a stable of fighters out here—and the possibilities seem very great. Also, if the contract goes through, it looks as if I will get a chance to make a movie of my life."

Likes Beau Jack

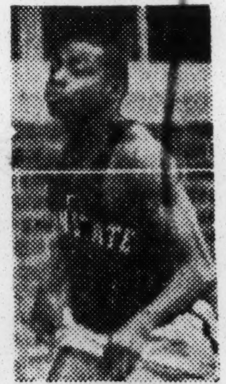
Bob Brown, a Los Angeles heavyweight, is reported to be the most promising protege of Hammering Hank to date, but Armstrong is angling to get Beau Jack, a Sprinfield, Mass., lightweight, out to the coast. Beau Jack has nineteen straiht knockouts to his credit.

Armstrong, it was also revealed in New York, is devoting more of his time to the Henry Armstrong-Skouras Wine Corporation, in which he has a partnership.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Defended Three Titles

NEW YORK—For the first time in the history of the Inter-collegiate A.A.A.A., the 64th annual running of which took place at Randall's Island track on Saturday, May 31, an athlete accomplished the unprecedented feat of winning three first places two years in succession.



Ewell

Saturday, Norwood "Barney" Ewell, Penn State college flash, won the 100- and 220-yard sprints and the broad jump to steal the afternoon's show. True, New York university copped the meet title thus giving dear ol' Manhattan Isle its first title in 62 years. The largest crowd, some 8,000, to ever witness an I. C. 4-A meet saw 26 of the 42 colleges entered, figure in the point-scoring column.

Tufts college of Medford, Mass., entered a two-man team and placed fifth in the final tabulation of points Eddie Dugger, whose home town is West Medford, Mass., clipped two-tenth of a second from the 120-high hurdles time. He won the finals of the 120-high hurdles in 14.1 to lower the 14.3 set by himself in 1940 He had made 14.1 in the semi-final of the event when he beat out runners from Yale, Pennsylvania and Columbia.

Dugger was second in the first heat of the 220-low hurdles. The event wa won by Harold Stickle, white, of Pittsburgh in 23.5 seconds. The pair finished one, two in the final which Stickle won in 23.1.

Ewell won the first heat of the century. Finishing in order named were George Kroupa, white, Pennsylvania; Gilber Walker, Boston college and David Lawyer, New York university. Ewell's time was 9.6 seconds which equaled the meet record set by white Frank Wykoff, University of Southern California back in 1931.

Ewell again equaled the meet record by running the final in 9.6 seconds to beat out white Robert Jackson of Princeton.

Ewell won the first heat of the 220-yard dash in 21.2 seconds and came back to lower the record by running the distance in 20-7 seconds to lower the I.C.4-A time by two-tenths of a second. The old mark was 20.9 seconds set by Charles Borah, white, of Southern California, in 1927.

To successfully defend his third and last title Ewell jumped 24 feet, 2¾ inches.

In 1940 Ewell had won three firsts. He repeated to become the first athlete to stage such a triumph. In 1940, Dugger was double winner in the hurdles. Saturday, the victor swept ahead of him at the third hurdle and Dugger couldn't overtake him.

George Hagens ran on the winning New York university one-mile relay team. He ran number three.

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Baltimore, Maryland

Wilberforce's Mercurial Maiden

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Jean Lane Started on Track Under Father's Coaching

Gaunt, bespectacled Jean Betie Lane is currently the toast of Wilberforce University. That may seem a rather lofty distinction for an eighteen-year-old girl—especially in view of the fact that Wilberforce has a couple of All-American football players, Herculean Herschel [illegible]nebly and Big Jim Price; a golden glove pugilist, Shelton Bell, and half a dozen other masculine heroes.

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Stop, however, to consider that at her tender age the Wilberforce female sprinting marvel is National AAU champion in two sprints, the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, unofficial holder of the women's world's record in the 100-yard dash, AAU record holder in the 200-meter run, and titular and record holder in countless meets of both major and minor consequence, and you will readily agree that her campus eminence is justified.

Beat Stella Walsh

Just two Saturdays ago at the National Track and Field Championships at Ocean City, N.J., she became a dual AAU queen, defeating Stella Walsh, white, Olympic champion and record holder in the 200-meter run—Miss Walsh's favorite event. The white girl confined her running competition to the 200 meters that day in order to concentrate on retaining her crown, but Miss Lane was too, too much for her.

Shortcoming a Blessing

Let's take a good look at Miss Lane. The esthetical-minded won't go into any raves over this eighteen-year-old track sensation. She is not a nymph by any means. Nor does she possess an exactly prepossessing physique.

But to Jean, these shortcomings in physical symmetry are a blessing in disguise. Her gawky build affords her long, gangling shanks. When sprinting she has the pleasant faculty of converting them into fluent, graceful strides. These give her watchers the impression that her motions are being executed with effortlessness and ease. She just glides along.

Don't take our word for Jean's prowess as a speedster. Simply take a look at the facts and figures about her career, compiled by William A. Brower for Opportunity Magazine. Brower aptly describes Jean as "Wilberforce's Mercurial Maiden."

Mr. Brower's article follows:

Broke Records

"At Cedarville (Ohio) High School, where she 'prepped,' she was a member of the girls' track team for four years. She started her record-breaking career early by registering the times of 5.8 and 11.3 for the 50- and 100-yard dashes, respectively, which remain unmatched in the Greene County (Ohio) Rural High School Meet. She earned four letters during her scholastic career. But the most cherished honor came when she was awarded the highly-prized 'Cedarville Golden Track Shoe,' presented to her during her senior year.

"At the 12th Annual Tuskegee Senior Women's Track and Field Meet (1940) she emerged as a triple winner, running 50 meters in 6.5; 100 meters in 12.1, and 200 meters in 26.0. (The latter is a track record.) Almost single-handedly she won for Wilberforce second-place in the meet. In recognition of this performance she was awarded the Chenaulte Trophy as the outstanding female entrant.

Paced Males

"Her record-setting but unofficial 100-yard dash was clocked at 10.9 in Cincinnati. In this meet she appeared as a member of the Wilberforce track squad, comprised otherwise entirely of males. She paced her teammates to second spot in the meet.

"At the AAU championships she recorded times of 6.6 for 50 meters and 12.0 for 100 meters. She tied for runner-up honors in scoring and received a handsome trophy and two gold medals.

"But there's more to those words and statistics, however, remarkable they are, than meets the eye. Actually, Jean's formal competitive experience has been very limited. Before 1939 she did not participate in a single AAU meet. Her accomplishments, therefore, are a genuine index to her native track endowments.

Coached by Dad

"Her father, Dr. J. Aubrey naturally, or vice versa. Born in Cincinnati but reared in the community of Wilberforce, she has been exposed to hereditary and environmental inducements toward athletic achievement practically all her life.

Her father, Dr. J. Aubrey Lane, is master of at least a half dozen professions. He is a veterinarian, bacteriologist, horticulturist, husbandman, plain farmer, and sports executive.

"As for Mrs. Lane—well, what alternative did she have but to become a devotee of sports? When she and "Doc" reached the decision to do most everything in unison, she had to make that concession. And now that Jean has hoisted herself to a posture of near-universal importance, the accent is ever more imperative.

"Wilberforce is celebrated for turning out fine athletic products, individually and collectively. A decade or so ago, its football teams ranked among the best. Its trackmen have toppled individual and relay records at various carnivals. Representatives of its boxing teams have done extraordinarily well in golden glove and other amateur tourneys. One, Al Wardlow, won the international middleweight crown in 1938.

"With this background and tradition as incentive, Jean is right at home on the Wilberforce athletic field.

"Until last year Jean was trained entirely by her father. He was her coach, counselor, traveling chaperon, and press agent. Whenever things were not clicking well with her she always found solace in her dad.

Credit to Harris

"However, at the start of the outdoor season last year, Tom Harris, Wilberforce track ace, took her under his wing. He taught her the more advanced technical phases of her craft, and a great deal of the credit for her achievement must go to him.

"Jean herself is not a one-track person. She has made favorable impressions in other spheres. Zeta Sibma Pi, national honorary social science fraternity, whose emphasis is scholarship, elected her to membership this year. She is a junior in the college of education at Wilberforce, majoring in physical education. For three years she has been nominated as one of the twelve outstanding students of her class.

"She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta, a national social fraternity. Her extra-curricular participation teems with activity, as she holds membership in the Student Council, Women's Self-Government Association, Wilberforce Players, Physical Education Club, Lucky Seven Club, YWCA, Episcopal Club and the University Choir.

"In a cycle of exceptional superiority of colored athletes in many branches of sports, Miss Lane's attainments have been partially obscured. Nevertheless, while basking in the shadows of such idols as Joe Louis, John Borican, Henry Armstrong, Dolly King, and others, she is gradually moving to the fore.

Should Improve

"One significant [illegible] that she has yet to exploit her potentialities fully. Equipped with natural mechanics in her lengthy legs, possessing durability, instinctive ability, and a willingness to train industriously and conscientiously; and provided with proper sponsorship, she is soon due to leap to greater fame."

Newnan, Georgia—Times
July 3, 1941

Financial Report Given For Colored Athletic Association

The Savannah Street Colored High School broke even on its football activtivies 1940-41, according to a financial report sent C. D. Mathews, superintendent of Newnan public schools, by William D. King, director of athletics, Savannah Street High School.

The following is the financial report of the Savannah Street High School Athletic Association for the school year 1940-41:

FOOTBALL GAMES—Receipts and Expenditures—

1. First game, Nov. 29, 1940—Savannah St. Hi vs Voc. High, of Griffin, Gate receipts $58.50

Transportation to LaGrange (J. A. Lewis)	1.62
Football tickets (Newnan Times) 1000	4.00
Food for team (Mamie Newell)	2.00
Guarantee (L. S. Molettee, Prin.)	15.00
Albert Kight (for assisting coaching)	5.00
Personal car service (Robert English)	.50
First Aid supplies (J. R. Cates)	1.90
Pictures of basketball teams 1939-40 term (Lee-King)	1.80
Telegrams	.72
Offiicating (S. McMeens)	1.50
Gum	.20
Expenditures	$34.24

Gate receipts	$58.50
Total Expenditures	$34.24
Net	$24.26

$24.26

2. Second game, Dec. 6, 1940 Savannah St. Hi. vs Jackson, (night) Gate Receipts $71.80

Newnan Water and Light Commission	$ 5.05
Guarantee (Carl Dixon, prin.)	15.00
Newnan Herald (circulars)	3.50
Extra janitor services (Tom Watson)	1.00
Expenditures	$24.55

Gate Receipts	$71.80
Total Expenditures	$24.55
Net	$47.25

$47.25

3. Third game, Dec. 12, 1940 Savannah St. High vs E. Depot Hi (LaGrange)

Newnan Water and Light Commission	$ 5.12
Food for team and two officials	3.75
Circulars (Murray Printing Co.)	2.50
Football cleats (Ragland Hardware)	1.70
Guarantee (R. L. Pruitt, Coach)	10.00
First Aid suuplies (Lee-King)	3.10
Gum, advertising material, circular distribution	1.15
Asissting coaching (Albert Kight)	5.00
Telegrams, long distance..	.89

Transportation: LaGrange, Grantville, Moreland 2.25
North Middle Georgia Association (athletic fee) 1.00

Expenditures $36.36

Gate receipts plus........
PTA account $55.03
Net $18.67

Net (3 games) $90.18

Gross receipts $185.33
Expenses ....$ 95.15

GENERAL EXPENDITURES:

Popularity contest tickets (Newnan Times)	$ 2.50
Tournament fee (basketball)	3.00
Atlanta Daily World (cut of teams)	3.00
Invitations, stationery, postage	2.68
Medical services and supplies for A. W. Smith for injuries received in basketball contest (Dr. G. W. Hammond)	7.50
Food for Athletic Banquet (Mamie Newell, chm. of Committee on Menu)	17.80
First Aid supplies (J. R. Cates)	.55
Box for equipment (J. Boun & Son)	1.00
Letters, medals, certificates (Barry Athletic Dealers, Brooklyn, N. Y.)	16.86
Basketball (Johnson Hardware)	3.50
Laundrying football jerseys (Mrs. North)	.50
Total	$58.89

Football uniforms (15 complete outfits, 15 pants at $4.50, 15 helmets at 3.25, 15 FB shoes at $4.50, 9 S Pads at 2.65, 6 S pads at 2.95, 15 Ath Sup at 25c, 1 doz sox 1.50, 15 jerseys and numbers, 19.45, 1 football $5.50, 1 BB guide .50 (Parks-Chambers Atlanta)—Nov. 20, 1940........ $256.00
Paid $148.00

Miscellaneous—Tape, food for basketball teams visiting, telegrams, express, lime, track teams to Moreland, Brown High School for track meet (May 16, 1941)	$ 8.33
Basketballs for 1941 seasons	12.00
Supplements transportation to Grantville	2.00
Supplements transportation to McDonough	6.00
Supplements transportation to Ft. Valley	9.00
Supplements transportation and Food to Grfifin	3.40
Supplement transportation to Columbus	6.50
Association gift to Coach	2.00
	$49.48

Total general Expenditures $256.37

GENERAL RECEIPTS:

Football Campaign	$60.12
Three football games	90.18
Community contest (Miss Fannie Neal and Mrs. M. Bryant	8.05
Popularity contest	91.00
Senior Class	7.02

Grand total receipts $256.37
Grand total expenditures $256.37
Balance on football account (Parks-Chambers) $108.00

Respectfully submitted,
William D. King,
Directors of
Athletics Savannah St.
High School.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Negro League Owners Spend $480,000 Yearly

By MRS. EFFA MANLEY
(Joint Owner of Newark Eagles)

There are now two Negro baseball leagues, the Negro American league operating in the West, and the Negro National League operating in the East.

Mrs. Manley

The American league membership consists of Chicago American Giants, Kansas City Monarchs, Birmingham Black Barons, St. Louis Stars, Jacksonville Red Caps and Memphis Red Sox.

The National league membership is made up of the Newark Eagles, Homestead Grays, Cuban Stars, Baltimore Elite Giants, New York Black Yankees and Philadelphia Stars.

Each team has its own bus, by which the players travel. Each team plays about 40 league games a season, which number I feel should be increased, and the remaining dates are filled with exhibition games with semi-pro clubs almost entirely white. This is one of the big arguments in my opinion against racial conflicts. In all the years these teams have been playing each other, arguments are almost unheard of between players. This condition in a business where men's emotions are known to be keyed to the highest point every minute.

There is a player limit of 18 men in addition the team has its bus driver, office secretary, travelling secretary and publicity man.

The two leagues have adopted the Wilson baseball, which means they use that ball in all league games. This is an expensive item of operation. The average number of balls used in each game is about two dozen but often three and four dozen are used. They are not only lost in the stands, but umpires throw them out the minute they get scratched. It costs each team about $65 to equip each man with two uniforms and a jacket. This does not include sweatshirts and shoes, which the player furnishes himself. The uniforms are the best made and most of the players insist on using the highest priced shoes.

Due to the fact that their salaries are so much lower than the white major league ball players, I have suggested to them using cheaper shoes. The players feel that they cannot run as fast or play as well in the cheaper shoes. The club buys the best uniforms because it would be sheer folly to put cheap material on the players, in view of how hard they play. Running, sliding, stealing bases, and fast moving in a ball game is hard on the uniforms.

The season is short, running only from May to September, over this period each club spends about $40,000 operating. This large amount of money is spent for salaries, park rents, government taxes, equipment, transportation, balls, bats, etc. Multiply this by 12 and add some of the exhibition promotions, the baseball club spends a half million dollars a year, and it is just starting to grow. It will not only supply many jobs, but is something my race can feel proud of.

In 1935 the first East-West classic was played in Chicago at Comiskey park. The attendance that year was 16,500. This classic has grown each year to the place where in 1939 the attendance was 40,000 paid admissions. In 1940 the officials had decided to call the game on account of rain, the early arrivals were so numerous they decided to play. The final attendance, in spite of weather, was 25,000. The game is being played this year on Sunday, July 27 and the crowd is expected to exceed 50,000.

The interest in Negro baseball is growing very definitely. There is of course room for improvement, but that is true of many things. Negroes as athletes are definitely tops. I honestly feel if our Negro ball players could get the care and attention ball players should have, if their lives could be made as easy and luxurious as the white ball players, you would see balls hit further, men run faster, and in general, see baseball that has never been played.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Harlem Sees New Fight Idol In Robinson

NEW YORK, (AP)—Manhattan's Harlem may soon have another fistic idol to place alongside Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong. He's young Ray Robinson.

A year ago Ray was a little known amateur. Now the dusky dynamiter is a challenger for the world's lightweight championship.

He left his calling card at the throne room the other night when he punched out a clear-cut win

RAY ROBINSON

over Sammy Angott, NBA titleholder. The only reason Ray doesn't wear the crown now is that his duel with Angott was a non-title affair.

He floored Angott twice. It was his 21st straight win as a pro. Seventeen of his triumphs have been by knockouts.

Ray's next bout may be with Davey Day of Chicago. If he wins he'll have a good argument for a shot at the title. Angott is scheduled to box Lew Jenkins, who is recognized as lightweight ruler by the New York commission, and Robinson wants to fight either the winner or both of them. Some Cauliflower Row experts say Robinson is the coming champ, that he can beat Angott, Jenkins or any of the others.

The Harlem Hammerer recently celebrated his 20th birthday.

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Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Armstrong Receives Neil Plaque; Meets Zivic In Return Bout Friday

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NEW YORK — Henry Armstrong, the only man ever to hold three world's championships at one time was signally honored Thursday night by presentation of the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque by the Boxing Writers Association of New York.

Hammering Hank, along with former Mayor James J. Walker, was guest of honor at the annual beefsteak dinner of the Association held at Ruppert's Brewery reception hall. More than 200 attended the banquet.

The plaque was presented Armstrong by Walker. The award is in memory of a former boxing writer killed covering the Spanish Civil War. It is presented each year to the boxer who "from the standpoint of activity sportsmanship, general behavior, both in and out the ring" brings credit to the game.

The first year it was given to Jack Dempsey and the next to Bill Conn. This year was the third presentation.

After Walker's eloquent address of presentation Armstrong, garbed in a dinner jacket, responded modestly and credited his manager, Eddie Mead, who was ill and unable to be present, and his brother, Harry, for his success.

Walker received a desk set from Nat Fleisher, editor of Ring Magazine, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the restoration of boxing in New York by a bill which he introduced in the legislature by Walker.

Among the many spectators of renown at the banquet was Joe Louis, who is currently training at Greenwood Lake, N. J., for a bout with Clarence Burman at the Garden January 31.

The banquet was called to order by Murray Lewin, chairman-president of the Association, who rang the bell which was used at the bout between James J. Corbett and John L. Sullivan in New Orleans Sept. 7, 1892.

Armstrong has one of the most impressive records of all time pugilism. Topping his career was his feat of holding the featherweight, light and welterweight championships at one time, something no other fighter had ever done.

Henry Armstrong, only man ever to hold three world's championships, receives the Edward J. Neil Plaque from former mayor James J. Walker, left, and Murray Lewis, president of the Boxing Writers Association of New York. The award was made Thursday night.

Thou[illegible] has been forced to give up the [illegible] either by retirement or losing [illegible] Armstrong is still one of the mo[illegible] ed of ringmen. His tireless an[illegible] seless attack is the envy of all battlers who gaze agape at his seemingly endless amount of energy. No one has ever doubted his courage and his conduct while under fire has several times nullified defeat inflicted on him.

Outside the ring he is the perfect gentleman and has aroused much admiration by his conduct. Negroes, proud because of his splendid ring record, applauded him still more last spring when he refused to go through with a bout in California because the site where it was to be held was used by an organization which banned colored fighters. Because of his stand the ban was lifted and he went thru with his fight, which was with Ceferina Garcia.

Friday night Armstrong vies again with Fritzie Zivic at the Garden. Hank's defeat at the hands of the Pittsburgh lad two months ago rocked the boxing world. He took a terrific beating in the bout and was all but knocked out at the final bell. So severely was he beaten about the eyes that he had to go through with an operation to restore their health.

Hank believes he can set Zivic on his heels and has been busily training for the return date.

A full house is expected by Mike Jacobs. Interest in the bout is high and a good many fans figure that Henry can regain his title.

But many more of his friends wish that he would retire while the retiring is good. They believe he has gotten all he can out of the game and contributed much more. Armstrong says he will retire soon but always after "the next fight."

——A Colored Judge——

Court Scores

Lane 45, Morehouse 42
A. & T., 76, Winston-Salem 44
A. & T. 56, Bluefield 25
A. & T. 44, Bluefield 35
Shaw 41, Miner 33
J. C. Smith 56, Shaw 37
N. Carolina 32, Shaw 20
Ala. State 36, Morris Brown 34
Union 79, Howard 25
Hampton 51, Howard 46
Xavier 34, Bishop 20
Xavier 43, Bishop 37
Va. State 52, W. Va. State 31

——A Colored Judge——

WOULD LIKE GAMES

The Holly-Briggs Post would like to book basketball games for their junior team of 15-17 on their court Thursday evenings. Contact may be made through Walter C. Beckett, 216 west Coulter street.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

16 Race Boys Remain In Golden Gloves Tourney

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CHICAGO—(ANP)—Although it may be embarrassing to those who boast of white supremacy, 16 of the remaining 32 contestants—four in each weight class—in the Chicago Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions are Negro fighters.

These colored amateur boxers, along with an equal number of white and Mexican athletes, will compete in the semi-finals and finals at the Chicago stadium Friday night for the championships. They are the sole survivors of a starting field of 23,000 distributed from Michigan and Ohio through Texas and Tennessee.

They won their places in the tournament held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the stadium in which teams from 43 cities competed. Those crowned champions Friday night will fight the New York winners later this month.

Chicago, which for the first time in the 14 year history of the annual event sponsored by the Chicago Tribune had an all-Negro team, qualified six for the final night of bouts

The complete list of remaining colored contestants includes Harold Dade, Chicago, 112 pounds; Morton Graves, Des Moines; Eugene Joyce, Gary and Raymond Brown Chicago, 118; Eddie Hudson, Moline, Ill. and William Jefferson, Chicago 126; Tommy Campbell, Moline 135; William Johnson, Streator, Ill., 147; Clint Conway, Cleveland and Roosevelt Thomas, Chicago, 160; Ray Standifer, Kansas City; Bennie McCombs, Grand Rapids, Mich. and Hezzie Williams, Chicago 175; Allen Aubrey, Cleveland; Al Jordan, Kansas City and Clayton Worlds, Chicago heavyweights.

In several instances, the lone remaining representatives of a city's team are colored. That is true of Moline, Gary, Streater and Grand Rapids. Two of Cleveland's four are colored, two of Kansas City's three one of Des Moines two are also Negroes. Chicago's all-colred squad gives the host city top score thus far in the team standings for the number of bouts won

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

No Chin Music Tonight, Says Buffalo

Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia colored 150-pounder, takes a punch on the chin from Carol Alexander—Kid Alexandria, to you—but it's all in fun. There'll be none of this kind of chin music tonight when Gene steps up to fight Phil Furr in Turner's Arena—at least "not on my chin," says Gene

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Xavier Registers 27th Straight Win

MAR 1 1941

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Two more one-sided victories — Morehouse College of Atlanta, Ga., bowed, 40-9, and Tillotson College's vaunted Eagles of Austin, Texas, bowed 54,23, gave the Xavier University Gold Rush of Louisiana, an undefeated record of twenty-seven consecutive victories.

The Xavierites will place their unblemished record on the floor of the Tuskegee gymnasium in the annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball tournament, February 27, 28th, and March 1st, in an effort to win the tournament title, a title which the Xavierites have held twice in the past three years—champions in '38 and '39.

The Xavierites claimed the National basketball crown in '39 when the Orlenians had a consecutive win streak of forty-five games. Last year, Xavier dropped three games out of twenty-five, and if they should come through the tournament undefeated, the Gold Rush will have a clear claim to the National cage title of '41.

Globe and
Independent
Nashville, Tenn.

The Sportsmobile

By H. A. Boyd II

MAR 7 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.—Well news hawks here we are in the "Garden Spot of America" after making another successful trip in the Old Sportsmobile to give you the facts behind today's news and what to expect in tomorrow's. Yes sir, this little hamlet where the immortal spirit of two Negro educational emancipators, Booker T. Washington and Robert R. Moton, still reigns supremely in the hearts of men is today a beehive of activity. Why? Because this is the eighth birthday of the SIAC cage carnival, and believe-you-me, lovers of the game are pouring in from all sections of this great country. If you want to make a life-long enemy just tell one of these persons that Tuskegee will not walk away with the much cherished conference crown.

The regular Southern Conference season closed with teams standing as follows:

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Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Xavier	18	0	1.000
Clark	10	3	.769
Tuskegee	16	5	.752
Morris Brown	11	6	.649
Florida	10	9	.526
Fisk	8	10	.445
Lane	4	5	.445
Knoxville	4	6	.400
Alabama	6	9	.385
Morehouse	4	10	.286
S. C. State	2	5	.286
Benedict	2	7	.222
LeMoyne	3	14	.177
Benedict	1	8	.111

Xavier brought a 1941 record of 27 consecutive wins to the meet, 18 of them in SIAC contests and was therefore seeded the No. 1 spot. Close behind were Tuskegee, Clark and Florida, seeded second, third and fourth on the basis of the conference standing by use of the Dickerson system. The preliminaries got under way with a flying start and such mild threats as Fisk, Talladega, 'Bama State, Lane, Morehouse and others were eliminated in first and second round play. The semi-finals found Tuskegee and Xavier paired against Florida and Clark respectively. Tuskegee proceeded to walk through Florida easier than an oyster sliding through olive oil. Xavier found a considerable amount of difficulty downing Clark 34-32. The finals found the teams seeded 1 and 2 standing in that same position after 3 rounds of play. Well, Xavier won the game and the championship although many claim Clark stole the show.

Leading individual scorers of the tournament are:

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Player	Points	Games
Crozier, Xavier	63	4
Henderson, Clark	51	3
Smith, Tuskegee	44	3
Watts, Florida	40	4
Younger, Clark	38	3
Hornburger, Tuskegee	34	3
James, Florida	32	4
Copeland, S. C. State	30	2

The All-Tournament selections are as follows:

Player	School	Position
Frank Crozier	Xavier	Forward
Wilson Smith	Tuskegee	Forward
Wince King	Xavier	Center
Clarence Younger	Clark	Guard
Albert Henderson	Clark	Guard

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Henry Armstrong Signed To Co-Star With Don Redman

FEB 15 1941

Former Triple-Title Holder Signs With Joe Glaser As First Move to Follow His "Second Love."

FEB 15 1941

By ISADORA SMITH
(Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—Hammering Henry Armstrong, whose swing prowess lifted him to the utmost peak of fistic success, was signed here last week by Joe Glaser to become a part of Don Redman's new swing orchestra.

Always musically-minded, Armstrong first entered the fight game back in St. Louis as "Melody Jackson," a singer of songs and a swinger of fists. During his entire ring campaign it was always a predominating fact that the little man who captured three world's championships, would rather lead a swing band, but like some of the fighters who tried to take away his ring crowns, he had to get himself a reputation first. The achieving of that fact is known throughout the country as today Henry is regarded as an immortal of his former profession.

For both Armstrong and Redman, their present leaning towards the musical world is more or less a re-debut, for like Armstrong, Redman left the more active field of orchestra leading to arrange for some of the country's leading white and colored bands. His new crew, aside from Armstrong, is to include Velma Middleton and Snookum Russell. According to Glaser who has great faith in the new set-up, the Armstrong-Redman combination will be a permanent one, and will work along the same lines as his other star bands which include Louie Armstrong, Andy Kirk and Eddie South.

At press time no date had been set for the duo to get together, as Armstrong is planning a short visit with his wife and daughter in California after which he will return here and effect the merger.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

COLORED FIGHTERS PRAISED BY JACK

~~DEC 31~~ 1941

Former Manassa Mauler Insists He Was Misquoted in Southern Press; Says Louis Has Been Credit to Fight Game.

JAN 13 1941

By JAMES EDMUND BOYACK

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NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, today categorically denied that he made any of the statements recently attributed to him by Southern newspapers to the effect that Joe Louis was an unworthy titleholder, or that the "Brown Bomber's" reign was creating racial strife in Northern States.

In an exclusive interview with The Pittsburgh Courier, Dempsey emphasized that his denial should in no way be construed as an apology but rather "to set the record straight."

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DENIES STATEMENT

"I did not state in any address or interview that colored boys were fighting white boys in the streets of Northern cities. Nor have I ever stated that Joe Louis's reign as heavyweight champion of the world is creating racial differences or clashes between white and colored children," the "Manassa Mauler" explained.

"What I did say was that Negro fighters are defeating white boys in the ring and are therefore dominating boxing as we know it today in America."

Suntanned after a trip to Miami, Dempsey gesticulated as he added that he was at a loss to understand why the Negro press had made such a furore about his misquoted remarks and called the whole affair "a tempest in a teapot."

"In the last few years Negroes have held every title from featherweight to heavyweight," the Broadway Boniface said. "Besides Joe Louis, we had John Henry Lewis, light-heavyweight champion; Henry Armstrong who wore three crowns at the same time; featherweight, lightweight and welterweight. And today there are a number of dangerous colored challengers including Chalkey Wright, featherweight of San Bernardino, Calif., who has fought in the featherweight, lightweight and welter divisions; Ray Robinson, Harlem lightweight, who is stopping all opposition and others.

"In the amateur contests too, colored fighters are appearing by the dozens where a few years back they were a rarity. They also are becoming titleholders.

RACE FIGHTERS INSPIRED

"These colored champions seem to have inspired every young colored boy to be a fighter. If we had a white champion, he would likewise inspire white boys to make the same sacrifices and efforts to attain championship honors. This is not only my opinion, it is a statement of fact known to every follower of boxing.

"For this reason I said, and I say again, that it would help the fight game if we had a white champion in the heavyweight class.

"Unfortunate as this may seem there are some people in our country today who object to having a colored man as heavyweight champion.

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"As far as I am concerned I believe that Joe Louis has been a credit to the sport and has conducted himself both inside and out of the ring as well as any of the champions who preceded him, and much better than some who were white. There has never been any question by anybody, including myself, as to his gameness and heart. Furthermore Joe has always been a very fair fighter even when his opponents were not.

"I am not silly enough to go against our fundamental idea of Americanism to the point of fomenting notions, ideas, contrary to the Constitution of the United States which holds that there shall be no discrimination against anyone because of race, color or creed.

LOUIS AN AMERICAN

"After all Joe is a native American like you or I. And I am as proud as Joe is, that the heavyweight championship is held by an American."

Jack blew a cloud of cigar smoke towards the gilded ceiling of his Broadway restaurant as he recalled that "when I was fighting my way up and defending my title I always employed colored sparring partners.

"One of the best training camp opponents I ever had was Bill Tate to whom I give a great deal of credit for whatever success I attained in the ring.

"Even today," Dempsey explained, "I have a number of colored employes in my various business enterprises who are a great help to me. Furthermore there is no discrimination here," he added with a wave of his hand around the gold and maroon interior of his steak and chop emporium. "Rarely does a day pass here that one or another of my Negro friends does not drop in to see me."

Asked for a blueprint of the "white hope" who can defeat Joe Louis, the sports editor of Liberty Magazine answered that he is not to be found among the present challengers for the crown.

MUST BE ALL-AROUND FIGHTER

"He must have the following ingredients," Jack said as if he was giving me the recipe for his favorite lobster thermidor. "First he must be able to take any punch Joe throws yet be able to fight back. Second he must be a knockout artist. Thirdly he should have an instinctive knowledge of boxing so that he will be able to maneuver himself out of the tought spots. Lastly he must have heart, and lots of it because he will be in there fighting a boy who is not lacking in gameness as the Schmeling fight demonstrated.

"When such a challenger faces Joe under the blazing lights of the ring you will see Louis's crown come tumbling down," he said with finality.

Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

BARNEY EWELL IS DEFEATED BY NEGRO IN BIG PHILLY MEET

FEB 15 1941

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Another sepia sprinter bloomed into the limelight as Thomas East, unknown Negro runner from Cheyney State Teachers College in Pennsylvania, equalled the world's record of 5.1 seconds for the 50-yard dash, and defeated Barney Ewell, Penn State's spectacular sprinter in the biggest upset of the meet of the fourth annual Penn A. C. meet.

Whipped Ewell Twice

East took the measure of Ewell in both the qualifying and final heats and looked very impressive in doing so. Both runners are lanky and powerfully built. By virtue of his surprising victory over Ewell, East was voted second place in the poll for the meet's outstanding athlete.

Rice Institute's great hurdler, Freddie Wolcott, defeated ancient Eddie Gordon, former Negro Olympic broad jump champ. in 1932, and a fast field of timber toppers in the 50-yard hurdles event.

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Wolcott led all the way and held a three-yard margin over Gordon, versatile Negro track star of the Grand Street Boys Club of New York, and former Iowa track captain. The white runner set a world record of 6.1 seconds for the event.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Leonard (Biggie) Bates, N.Y.U. football star, carries a banner in the youth parade on Saturday evening protesting jim-crowism. Bates, as a member of the N.Y.U. football team, was banned from playing against Missouri last year because of his color.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

'Changes Policy' After Protest, to Photogragh Team with Negro Coach

FEB 12 1941

Protest of Queensbridge Team at Amazing Discrimination Brings Quick Results—Picture to Be Taken Tomorrow

The Long Island Star Journal had a quick change in policy yesterday. Faced with the indignant protest of members of the Queensbridge Varsity Basketball team, who publicized the "Star's" amazing refusal to take the team's picture along with its Negro coach, the paper backtracked on its previously announced Jim Crow policy and made arrangements to take the team's picture with the Negro coach tomorrow night.

The "Star Journal" had originally sent its photographer down to take the picture of the Queensbridge team for its sports section. When the photographer saw that the coach of the team, Jeff Goins, was a Negro, he said he would have to take the picture without him, inasmuch as it was the paper's policy, "not to photograph a Negro along with a white team." Members of the team phoned the paper for confirmation of this shocking discriminatory policy, and when they received it, politely told the photographer to scram and sent a united protest to the editor and owner of the "Star Journal." They also announced a drive to publicize the paper's policy widely among sport followers, and began by sending the story to every newspaper in town.

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Yesterday the photographer reappeared and asked permission to take the team's picture WITH the coach. He "explained" that the paper had apparently changed its Jim Crow policy a few months ago and he hadn't known about it.

The picture will be taken tomorrow night. The paper now realizes that it mad a sad mistake in asking a group of young American athletes to acquiece with its rotten Jim Crow policy. The members of the team, (mostly of Italian descent) told the editor that "we value the policy of sportsmanship and fair play over publicity." And added, "We do not believe that on the one hand you can shout for 'preserving democracy' on the editorial page while on the sports page you practice outright dis crmination."

The publisher of the "Star Journal," Newhouse, is a notorious enemy of labor and has fought the Newspaper Guild on every paper he controlled. There was a long strike at the "Star Journal" several years ago.

RODNEY.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Herbert First In The 500

MAR 1 1941

By MAJOR ROBINSON

NEW YORK—John Borican, the long standing sepia middle distance runner from Elberon, N. J., representing the Shore A.C. of that city, successfully defended his 1,000-yard run title in the Madison Square garden on Saturday night, Feb. 22, in the twenty-third annual running of the National Amateur Athletic Union's indoor track and field meet.

The portrait painting track star who formerly attended Virginia State college and later went to Columbia university, snapped the meet record of 2:12.6 which was set in 1930. Borican's time was 2:11.5 for the distance.

It was an all-Negro finish in the final of the 60-yard dash. Herbert Thompson, Jersey City, N. J., swept past the finish line in first place. Norwood Ewell, Penn State, placed second with Mozell Ellerbe, Tuskegee institute, Alabama, in third position. Fourth place was won by Eulace Peacock, former Temple university star and now of Union, N. J.

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Fifth place went to Leo Tarrant, Alabama State college, Montgomery, Ala., and Thomas East, Cheyney Teachers college of Pennsylvania, was fourth.

Jimmy Herbert, former New York university star quarter-miler and 1940 Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. quarter-mile champion, won the first major event of his current indoor season when he copped the 600-yard event from white Charles Beetham, formerly of Ohio State.

Herbert, running for the Grand Street Boys' club, caught Beetham and the two had a battle down the stretch which brought the 15,000 fans to their feet cheering. Herbert nipped the former Ohio State star at the tape. The time was 1 minute and 12 seconds.

Ewell placed third in the broad jump.

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In the sprint medley relay, New York university's quartet triumphed. George Hagens ran number three and David Lawyer was anchor man for N.Y.U.

In the high jump event, Mel Walker, formerly of Ohio State university and now teaching at Tennessee State college, in Nashville was winner with a leap of 6 fee 6½ inches.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Kentucky Derby Rich In Lore Of Negro Jockeys

APR 21 1941

LOUISVILLE — (By Leon W. Taylor for ANP)—The Kentucky derby, blue ribbon classic of the American turf, will be run at Churchill downs in Louisville, May 3. Other races may carry greater cash value, but may carry equal the thrilling cosmopolitan appeal to masses high and low, rich and poor, of all races and creeds which this historic test holds.

Memory at times is fleeting but recollection more often is strong. Today few are alive who can recall famous Negroes of another generation whose names and achievements are richly writen upon the honorable scroll of bygone derbies.

From the aged lips of venerable turf patriarchs we glean the recital of their deeds which helped bolster the background of the geatest horse race on the North American continent.

PIONEER SEPIA JOCKEYS

During the first 28 years of Kentucky derbies 23 Negroes figures as jockeys on the winning horse, or trainers of the winner. The first three Derby winners, Aristides in 1875, Vagrant in 1876, Baden-Baden in 1877, were trained by Negroes, respectively Ansel Williams, Dud Allen, and Ed Brown, the last named being more familiarly known as "Brown Dick." Oscar Lewis rode Aristides and William Kalker was astride Baden-Baden. Garrett Lewis had the mount on Fonso in 1880, and "Babe" Hurd on Apollo in 1882. In 1883 the winner, Leonatus, was trained by Raleigh Calston. In 1884 Buchanan was trained by W. Bird and ridden by the immortal Isaac Murphy. The following year, 1885, Abe Perry trained Joe Cotton who was ridden by Henderson.

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MURPHY CLICKS

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AMAZING RECORD

Isaac Murphy, who was the peer of any race-rider on the American turf, won a total of 14 derbies on race courses throughout this country.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Negro Jockies to Ride in Kentucky Derby on Saturday

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Lula Hymes' Loss Big Blow To Coach Christine Evans Petty

APR 8 - 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.— Eight members of Tuskegee's famous track and field team will make the journey to Atlantic City, New Jersey, leaving the Institute Monday evening, where they will take part in the Senior Women's Indoor track and Field Championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, which will be held in the large Municipal Auditorium of Atlantic City, Saturday afternoon and evening April 12. This indoor championship meet has not been held since 1937. The meet this year is being sponsored by Judge Eugene Bonniwell and Mrs. Bonniwell of Philadelphia Penn., under the auspices of the committee to defend America by aiding the Allies William Allen White, chairman, assisted by the British War Relief Society of Atlantic City.

The Tuskegee women's track and field team has been the outdoor National Champions for the last four years. They tied for second place in 1936 at Providence, Rhode Island, and won the first title at Trenton, New Jersey, in 1937. In 1938 at Naugatuck, Conn., they won their second title. They won their third title at Waterberry, Conn., in 1939, and made it four straight at Ocean City, New Jersey, last July.

The members of the team and the events in which they have been entered are as follows: Hattye Hall, a place winner in the shot put and discus in former national meet, will put the shot and throw the basketball and run a leg on relay team B. Lillie Purifoy, a third place winner at Ocean City last summer in the 80 meter hurdles, will take part in the 50 meter hurdles, standing broad jump, and run a leg on relay team B. Margaret Barnes, a winner in past national meets in the javelin and baseball throw, will put the shot, throw the basketball and run a leg on relay team B. Alice Coachman, national champion in the high jump for the last two years, has been entered in this event, and will anchor relay team B. Hester Brown, who has won points in the 200 meter runs for the past two years, will again take part in this event and run a leg on relay team A. Lucky Newell, who has escored points in the National Championships for the past two years, and who was barely nosed out by the Jean Lane of Wilberforce University in the 50 meters run last year, will again take part in this event; lead off for relay team A, and take part in the standing broad jump which is a new event for her, although she is probably America's greatest running broad jumper. Leila Perry, great hurdler, outdoors, will take part in the indoor version of this event, the high jump and run a leg on relay team A. Rowena Harrison, a great little runner and the baby of the team, will run her customary leg on relay team A, and try for points in the 50 meters run.

Coach Christine Evans Petty, herself a great runner on Tuskegee teams of yesteryear, who has coached all of Tuskegee's women's track and field teams since 1935, is having a particularly hard time this year replacing Lula Hymes, America's greatest girl track and field athlete, who is now teaching home economics in the Lincoln High School at Atchison, Kansas. In 1938, at Naugatuck, Conn., she won the 100 meters run, defeating among other stars, Claire Isicson, the defending champion; was first in the running broad jump and ran anchor on the national championship 400 meters relay team.

Jessie Abbott, a great runner on the relay team, especially when the chips were down, is now at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, taking a graduate course in Physical Education. She ran the second leg on Tuskegee's National 400 meter relay championship teams of 1938, 1939 and 1940.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lieut. Woodruff, Ed Dugger, Archie Harris, Bob Drake And Tuskegee Bask In Penn Relay Carnival Spotlight

MAY 3 - 1941

PHILADELPHIA, April 24— Among the bronzed track and field stars who stood on Franklin Field here Friday and Saturday like brightly-polished gold, were the following:

LIEUT. JOHNNY WOODRUFF —Joggin' Johnny ran the brilliant anchor "leg" with his famous long-legged stride which brought the baton home to victory for the 369th Infantry team from Fort Ontario in the Special One Mile Relay in 3.29.5.

ED. DUGGER of Tufts came through with flashing form to win the 120-yard hurdles in 14.4.

ARCHIE HARRIS of Indiana shattered the discus record with a tremendous heave of 167 feet 10½ inches.

GILDER FARROW, Coach Ralph Metcalfe's stellar Xavier timber-topper scooted over the 400 meter hurdles to win the event in 55.2.

GEORGE HAGANS helped New York University immeasurably.

ROBERT DRAKE of Morgan led the Bear brigade to victory in the unclassified college mile relay in 3:21.6.

BOB BURNETT and MARCELLUS helped Indiana grab the one mile title.

TUSKEGEE won the mile championship for Teacher's college in 3:27.5.

GRANT and MORGAN, two fast-stepping youngsters led Overbrook High's stellar runners to the Philly public school championship.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Discus King at Penn Kansas Relays

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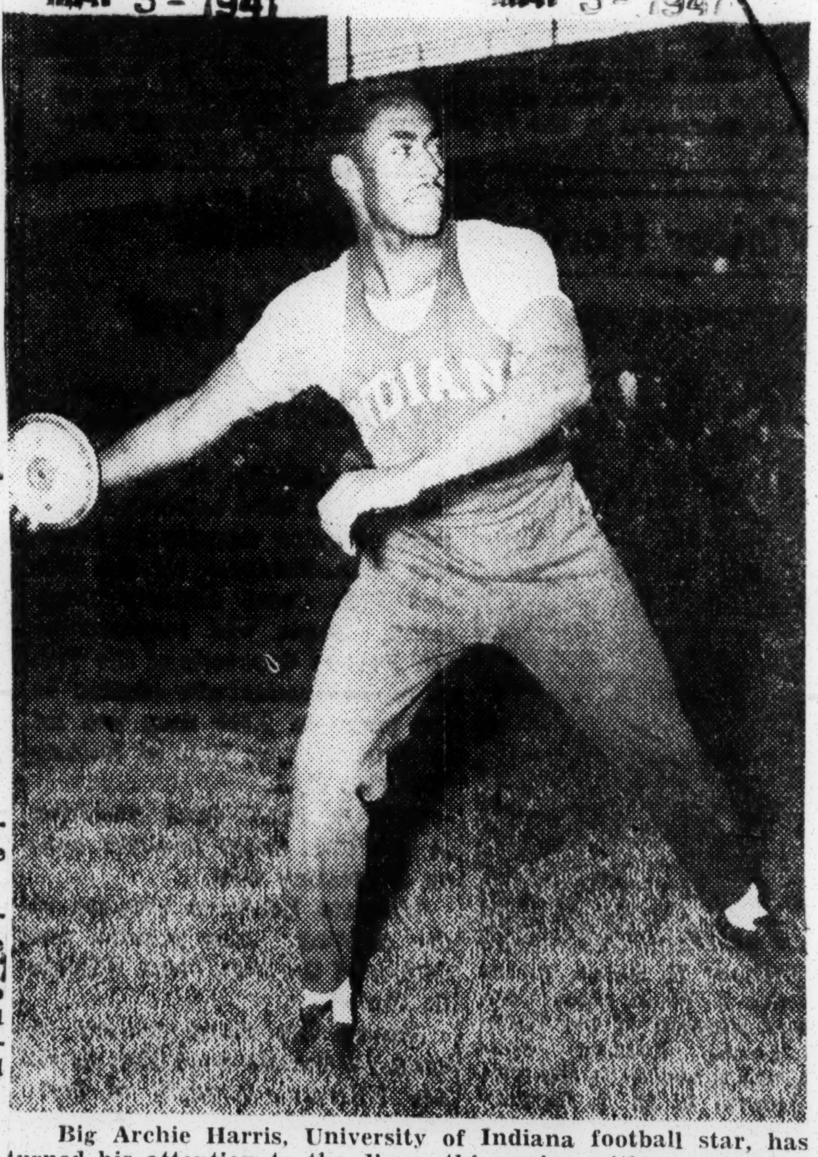

Big Archie Harris, University of Indiana football star, has turned his attention to the discus this spring with amazing results. A fortnight ago he took high honors at the Kansas Relays with a heave of more than 171 feet. He took first place at the Penn Relays in the same event last Saturday with an effort of 167 feet, 10 and 1-8 inches.

He smashed records for both meets and is less than 28 inches from the world mark set by Hans Schroeder at Berlin in 1936.

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Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

Indiana and N. Y. U. Share Laurels As 3 More Penn Relay Marks Fall

Hoosiers Win Mile and 2-Mile, Latter With Record 7:41.1—MacMitchell Does 4:09.4 to Give 4-Mile Title to Violet

By ARTHUR DALEY
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PHILADELPHIA, April 26—Indiana had two barrels to fire and N. Y. U. had only one. So Roy Cochran and Campbell Kane were able to outrun Leslie MacMitchell, a junior edition of Superman, for a pair of championships as the forty-seventh annual Penn Relays came to an end at Franklin Field today before a gathering of 30,000.

The Cochran-Kane pair first cracked a carnival record as they romped to the two-mile crown. Then they unleashed a blistering 3:16.4, fourth fastest time in the history of the meet, to capture the classic mile crown. They had some help, of course, but they were the ones who did the damage.

Yet it was hard to turn the spotlight away from MacMitchell. He blasted away with a 4:09.4 anchor mile to give N. Y. U. the four-mile crown—its third major title of the eight at stake. But even more amazing was his anchor quarter in the mile relay, where he ripped off an 0:48.3 effort to lift the Violet into second place.

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That is considerable running by any method of measurement. Had the boy wonder been facing any one less formidable than Cochran on his mile relay trick he might have caught him. But the slender Hoosier fled over the cinders in 48.1 seconds to turn aside that threat.

The championships were pretty well divided today. Indiana took two, but no one else made off with more than one—North Texas the 880, Tufts the shuttle hurdles and N. Y. U. the four miles. However, the Violet had been thoughtful enough to annex two others yesterday and hence departed from the City of Brotherly Love with more watches than any one else. MacMitchell anchored all three winning N. Y. U. teams.

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As far as records were concerned the harvest was small. Indiana had its two-mile one for the only major mark of the afternoon. There also was one minor college standard and one schoolboy record—three in all and six for the two-day show.

This relay carnival has always had the mile relay as its chief prize and Indiana took it with Bob Burnett, Marcellus Jenkins, Kane and Cochran. It was a tense and exciting race.

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Hoosiers Move Ahead

North Texas led Indiana by two yards at the end of the first leg but Jenkins slammed through with an 0:48.3 quarter to send the Hoosiers out in a lead that they never lost. Not in the picture until George Hagans put it there on the third leg, N. Y. U. took off only five yards in back of the Hoosiers on the anchor leg.

As MacMitchell assumed his place on the line for the start of his 440-yard effort, he glanced up at the press box, grinned and shook his head at the man-sized job he had in front of him. Half-way through he looked done.

Ed Rogers of North Texas had passed him and had climbed up Cochran's back. But the Hoosier let him have it in the homestretch and MacMitchell also galloped past the transplanted cowboy from New York to take second in the final straightaway. Leslie was eight yards back, with North Texas and Fordham taking the next two places.

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The sky was heavy with dark, forbidding clouds late in the afternoon when Indiana smashed through to the two-mile record. The Hoosier quartet of Paul Kendall, Wayne Tolliver, Cochran and Kane ripped off a gaudy 7:41.1 to erase from the book the great Georgetown figures of 7:42 that have withstood all threats for sixteen years.

A 15-Yard Victory

Kane had to work his hardest to win even though his individual clocking was a mere 1:54.6, nothing extraordinary for him. He drove through in the home stretch to head off Chet Lipski of Seton Hall, Jack Campbell of Fordham (a surprise half-miler) and Jack Russell of Pepperdine College of Los Angeles. The four were grouped together around the final turn, but the lanky Indiana junior broke away to triumph by fifteen yards.

The race was exciting because the four teams that placed battled grimly all the way. The crowd kept waiting for N. Y. U. to climb back into the struggle, but it was a mighty long wait. MacMitchell never had a chance to challenge. He took off 100 yards back and was flagged off the course by Coach Emil von Elling.

Indiana led Fordham by eight yards on the first exchange, by one yard on the second and by ten on the last, Ed Shine, Frank Leary and Walter Cary preceding Campbell for the Rams. Then it was up to Kane. It's money in the bank to entrust a ten-yard lead to him.

MacMitchell really had to pour it on to win the four-mile relay for the Violet. He was twenty yards behind Tolliver of Indiana with a scant lap to go and then blasted him right off the track with a final quarter of 57.2 seconds for a 4:09.4 mile.

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That he could win at all seemed inconceivable because the Hoosier had taken off twenty yards in front of his violet foeman, had held his margin for the first lap, lengthened it to twenty-three yards on the second tour of the track and then was back to twenty again at the gun.

But MacMitchell had not started to run. He rocketed off the turn and galloped down the backstretch so rapidly that Tolliver appeared to have dropped anchor. At the final bend the boy wonder had cut the margin in half, racing around the last turn until he hit the head of the final straightaway in front.

Tolliver called it a day then jogged the rest of the way and was twelve yards behind at the wire. The first three Indiana athletes Vernon Broertyes, Paul Kendall and Fred Wilt, had outrun Darwin Bruce, Joe Gares and Bill Hulse of N. Y. U., with plenty to spare. But the Violet had MacMitchell, a little item that solves all problems. The time was an ordinary 17:29.8.

The 880-yard relay saw North Texas State retain its crown as a result of brilliant work on the last two legs by its aces, Welby Williams and Olvis Hicks. It was Williams who picked up seven yards in zooming from third to first and then Hicks added more to that advantage by triumphing by ten yards over Navy, with N. Y. U. and Yale taking the other places.

Bobby Dodd and Ed Rogers handled the stick on the first two legs but couldn't match the flashes who opposed them. Then came the two big guns to fire a double-barreled shot at the victory target. The time was good but not extraordinary.

Tufts Against Penn

The shuttle hurdles relay final was a feeble sort of race. Yale qualified but withdrew because one of its men was injured. Pitt replaced the Elis but did not compete in the final. So it was Tufts against Penn for the championship. Since Ray Valente and Gordon Brainerd of Tufts had a lead after two legs it was easy work for Walter Hall and Ed Dugger to win as they pleased. The margin was fifteen yards and the time 1:02.6.

The Georgetown freshman team that won the national A. A. U. mile championship made a runaway of the freshman title test as Al Rogers, Hugh James, Hugh Short and Lou Collado triumphed by thirty yards over Villanova, Fordham and Columbia in 3:19, one-tenth of a second off the carnival record.

The military service relay, held for the first time since 1918, was noteworthy because it brought back to Franklin Field Long John Woodruff (pardon, Lieutenant John Woodruff) the Olympic 800-meter champion. Long John had a huge lead when he started and he kept it to the end, receiving the biggest hand of the day. He ran for the 369th Coast Artillery and did 49.5 seconds, that with only a fortnight's training.

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Blount Wins Twice

The individual events saw one double winner in Don Blount of Dartmouth, who took the broad jump at 24 feet 1/8 inch and the high jump at 6 feet 3 inches, repeating his I. C. 4-A twin killing.

Vin Carpenter of Yale beat Joe Sebasteanski of Fordham for hammer-throwing honors with 168 feet 11 inches; Jim Elliott of Pitt won the javelin at 198 feet 8½ inches; John Dick of Penn captured the vault at 13 feet 3 inches, and Williams of North Texas State flashed to victory over Barney Ewell and Bill Carter, the joint favorites, in an 0:09.8 century. Carter had done 0.09.7 in his heat.

The major schoolboy championship races were three in number and produced one record, an 8:11.9 by Northeast of Philadelphia in the two-mile high school test. Overbrook of Philadelphia won the high school mile in 3:28. LaSalle Military Academy of Oakdale, with Paul Cowie, Bob Stuart, Ennis Gray and Al Hayden, won the prep school mile in 3:22.2.

The Union
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THE DECISION AGAINST A NEGRO, MUST BE AWFULLY CRUDE, WHEN BY AN AUDIENCE OF WHITES, IT IS POOHED! BOOED! HOOED!

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Leo Rodak, white lightweight of Chicago, 135 pounds, fought Jackie Wilson, Negro of Pittsburgh, 127 pounds. A ten-round feature affair Rodak a 7 to 5 favorite **WON THE DECISION, BUT NOT THE FIGHT BY ANY MEANS, IF THE OPINION OF THE CROWD CAN BE CONSIDERED, FOR IT HASN'T FINISHED POOHING AND BOOING YET!**

"Bill" Gunn, one of the old boys, who has known every angle of the pugilistic game since Peter Jackson reigned, said, "was the rankest deal I have seen pulled off in many many years!"

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In fight circles that decision is still "tops" in conversation. Even folks outside the hall knew from the silence, that the Negro was winning. However when a sport is commercialized, the wise guys know what to expect.

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NYU Jim Crow Must Go, Organized Students Say

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Council for Democracy in Education Sees Another Victory

By Bill Newton

Correctly sizing up the widespread national movement to end Jim Crow in college sports, the newly-formed National Council for Democracy in Education yesterday pointed to the great victory recently scored over discrimination at Harvard as "convincing proof" that "the unsportsmanlike policy followed by many Northern universities, such as NYU, in benching Negro athletes for games with Southern schools can be definitely wiped out."

Harvard's decision to brook no discrimination against its athletes is giving "great impetus" to American students to finish off Jim Crow, said Bella Savitzky, secretary-treasurer of the NCDE, in issuing a statement for the organization. The NCDE was formed at a national conference of 400 undergraduate leaders from 65 colleges at Harvard last March. APR 24 1941

Shortly after the NCDE was organized, the Crimson benched Lucien Alexis, Jr., Negro lacrosse player, for the game in Annapolis Md., with the Naval Academy. The historic storm that broke over the Harvard campus—led by the college chapter of the NCDE—forced the Harvard Corporation to take its step and also compelled traditionally Jim Crow Annapolis officials to decide that their squads would compete against all scheduled foes in the future, "regardless of the composition of the team."

National attention should now focus on NYU, Miss Savitzky pointed out. It is significant that approximately 75 college peace strikes yesterday called for an end to Jim Crow at NYU and for reinstatement of the seven students suspended for fighting discrimination. That is proof that the NCDE's fight is reflecting the widespread movement all over the country, which is pushing forward with great steps. The fact that Harvard, best-known American university, was compelled to stand up against discrimination places the reactionary NYU administration in an even more unfavorable position than it already held and leaves the road open for another big victory down at Washington Square.

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UNIVERSITY AGAINST PREJUDICE

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It Is Harvard's Principle That "There Should Be No Racial Discrimination Among Students."

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 24--Harvard university issued an ultimatum to prospective athletic opponents of the future this week by declaring that racial discrimination would no longer be tolerated and that any institution perpetuating this undemocratic policy against Harvard students would be dropped from the Harvard athletic program.

In a declaration of national significance, the Harvard corporation advised William J. Bingham, athletic director, that "in the future the athletic committee should make it plain to other institutions with whom we are competing that it is Harvard's principle that there should be no racial discrimination among our students."

This statement, which will affect Harvard's relations with southern colleges, and, may for the first time set a pattern for other northern colleges, which have been reluctant in taking a definite stand on the issue, was released Monday after Harvard students had united in protest the ban instigated by the U. S. Naval Academy against Lucien Alexis, Jr., Negro member of the Harvard lacrosse team. Navy gave Harvard the privilege of benching Alexis or accepting a forfeit. Harvard played without Alexis because "they were the guests of Navy."

Navy is scheduled to play Harvard on the football field this autumn and Harvard has a Negro player, Ray Guild of Cambridge, on the team.

The Union
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COUNCIL OF DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION APPLAUDS HARVARD'S "NO DISCRIMINATION"

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"The unsportsmanlike policy followed by many Northern universities such as N. Y. U., in benching Negro athletes for games with Southern schools can be definitely wiped out," asserted the newly-formed National Council for Democracy in Education today, citing as "convicing proof" the decision of the Harvard Corporation to inform "other institutions with whom we are competing that . . . that there should be no racial discrimination among our students."

The National Council for Democracy in Education, with offices at Room 911, 230 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was formed at a national conference of 400 under-graduate leaders from sixty-five colleges held at Harvard University at the end of March. MAY 1 - 1941

Now that Harvard's policy is clarified in such a clear fashion that it would take a Houdini ever to practice Negro discrimination again, national attention should focus on New York University which stands as the ill-reputed leader in discriminatory bans. Not only has NYU benched Negro athletes in football, basketball and track—all major sports—within the current academic year, but it has even suspended, without open hearing, seven undergraduates who were leading student efforts to secure from the University authorities precisely the type of guarantee against future repetition of Jim-Crowish which the Harvard students sought and won.

BELLA SAVITZKY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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The Great Satchell At Stadium Tom'w

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Paige Hurls in Negro League Doubleheader, Where You'll See the Stars Who Should Be in the Big Leagues

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To the followers of the National Pastime, the real honest-to-goodness, dyed-in-the-wool fans who look further than the big leagues and appreciate talent wherever it may be found, the name Satchel Paige has become a legend. Satchel was known to be big league timber as far back as a decade ago and it would be our pleasure to report that he has finally gained admittance into the sacred portals of baseballdom. But we can't — for the moment. For Paige is a Negro. A Negro hurler who has been setting down opposition for more years than is the average life span of the averagve top-flight outfielder and who has been unreservedly called the greatest pitcher in baseball by such experts as Bill McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, Joe DiMaggio, Carl Hubbell, Dizzy Dean, Doc Prothro and a galaxy of active baseball men that reads like an alphabetical listing of who's who in baseball. MAY 10 1941

Satchel Paige the legend fades before Satchel Paige the man as, for the first time since 1934, when he hurled a magnificent 1-1 tie with Slim Jones, another Negro great, he takes the mound in the Yankee Stadium tomorrow for the Black Yankees against the Philadelphia Stars in the first game of the Negro League Ruppert Cup Memorial double-header inaugural.

The six-feet four-inch 175-pound righthander is under contract to the Kansas City Club of the Negro American League but due to difficulties with the K.C. management Paige refuses to report. Joe Semler, owner of the Yankees, has made arrangements for the speedballer to pitcch for his outfit at least on opening day.

Paige, being the most famous Negro star in the land, quite naturally served as the "cause celebre" when the great campaign to end discrimination in the sport was launched by the Daily Worker four years back. It was pointed out that a pitcher who could defeat the Major League All-Stars, paced offensively Joe DiMaggio and defensively by Dizzy Dean, four times out of six when the great Jerome was in his prime, deserved a place in the top brackets.

Paige isn't the only Negro ball player who should be playing with one or the other of the sixteen Mayor League outfits — especially squads like the Phillies, the Senators, the Browns, the Braves and some of the others who have been serving as nothing but floormats to the more powerful teams in their respective leagues. You'vve heard of Buck Leonard, stellar first sacker, Josh Gibson, hard-hitting catcher, Roy Brown and the host of others that have made the Negro games a popular feature in every city that they have performed, and tomorrow, starting at 2 P.M., you'll have the chance to see a flock of them in action.

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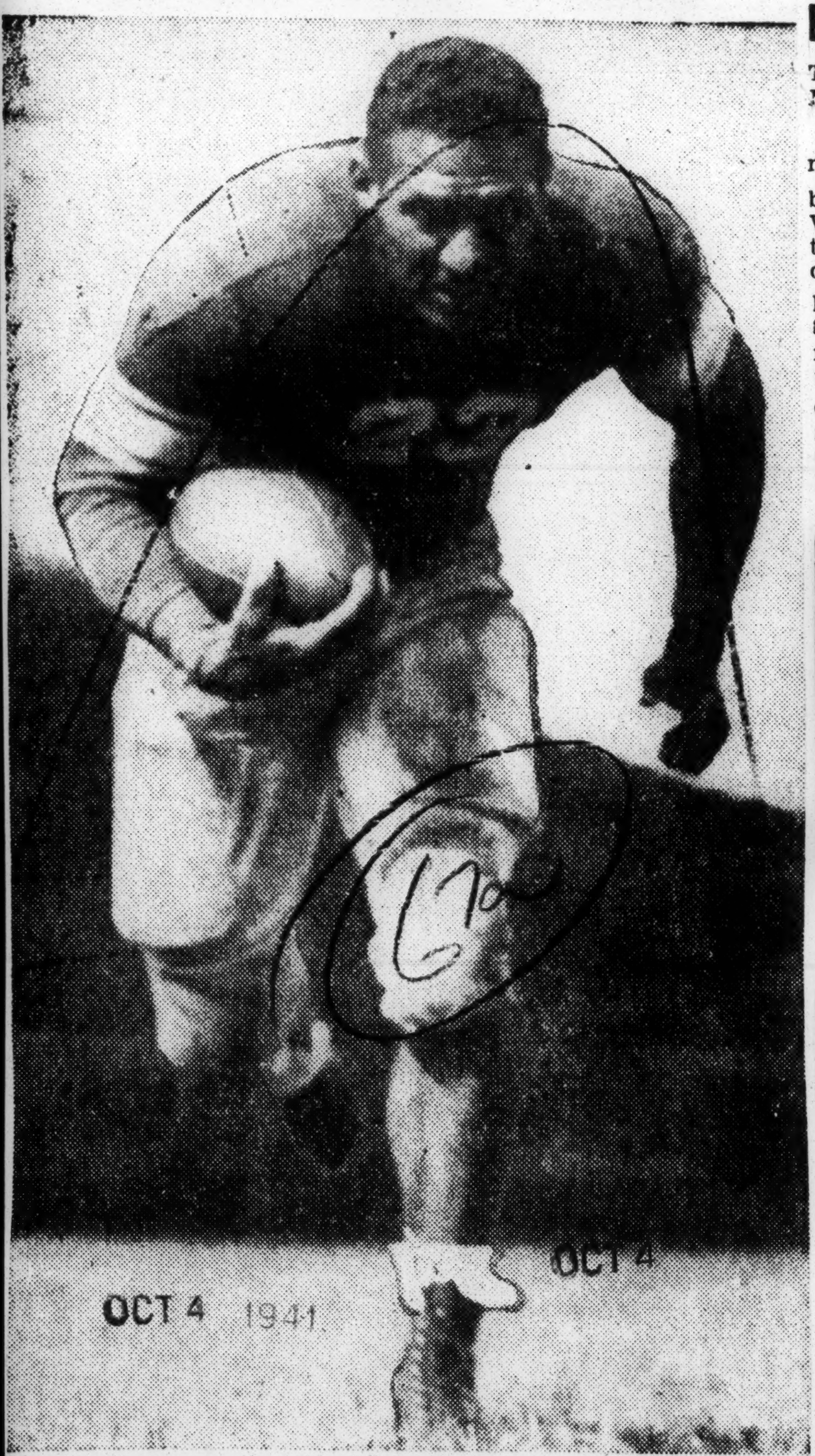
ON NEW YORK U. TEAM



Leonard Bates, hard hitting ball toter on the New York university starting eleven and who is expected to do much of the scoring for the Violets this year. Bates was among those whom the N.Y.U. coach ordered to practice early last month. The squad was taken to an upstate camp for conditioning.

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FOOTBALL

THE CHIEF SIDE-SHOW OF NEGRO COLLEGE EDUCATION

THIS TITLE HAS peculiar significance when treated, as it shall be, in reference to Negro Colleges. When I think of the cost of money, time, and energy which a season of football absorbs in relation to the precarious condition of the racial group socially, politically, and economically during the current national and international crisis I am obliged to characterize intercollegiate football and its trappings as a glamorous parade in the field of poverty.

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I believe fervently in the values to be gained through recreation but I also believe that these values should be extended to all students by means of a program which requires less emotional and mental intensity. The time consumed by such a program should be inconsiderably smaller allotments and distributed over the entire school year. Its emphasis should be on improving physical and mental health and not just winning a game. The emotional cost and embittered hatreds resulting from the intense excitement of intercollegiate rivalry is too colossal for any small college student body to incur.

THE GREAT CONCERN

As is the case each year I find that the great concern of too many of the various alumni is "What kind of a football team does the college have, and what quality of playing material is available?" They judge the quality of the players just as a lover of horses would appraise the worth of a race horse. The prime question of some alumni of a certain Negro college has been "will there be a football team this year?" This question seem to them to be more basic than the new contribution their college is striving to make to the race in general and youth in particular.

In spite of the fact that the future existence of at least a half dozen Negro colleges known to me is dependent upon endowment campaigns—campaigns to match money given by white people— the concern of an appreciable group of the alumni is on the quality of football players. It is a bit on the ironic side that Negroes during their present state of insecurity should end to place greater values on quality of football players than on the quality of education that their colleges provide.

It should be clear to them that the future of Negroes as a minority group is increasingly dependent upon more and more varied education. The opportunities for a minority race to continue to be tolerated are going to be conditioned by their ability to contribute to the reconstruction of a war torn society. Negroes have such a long and hard road to travel before they can be so prepared in meaningful numbers.

LOWER SENSE OF VALUES

Because of the prohibitive cost of staging the sideshow many colleges in the South lower their sense of values. In order to make the game pay for itself they have to bow to racial segregation and insults that invariably result from it. The reference is to the signs and advertisements which run in this manner—"Special reserved seats for white patrons."

This is difinitely a wrong emphasis. The sideshow is used to put the stamp of inferiority on Negro college education. I am reminded here of a white court official whom I once worked. A Negro attendant of the court told him one day that some "niggers" were waiting to see him. He became infuriated and said to me "I will say nigger but I do not have any respect for a "nigger' who will say nigger."

Some years ago I attended a segregated football game staged by two Negro colleges of high standing in another city. Suddenly near the end of the third quarter a player noted for fleetness of foot and artistic hip-swinging broke away for a long sensational touchdown sprint. An over enthusiastic white fan "on the other side of the field" struck the silently tense Negro fans by yelling in loud clear tones "Run, nigger run, d—n if these niggers don't play football like white folks." Almost spontaneously the game lost meaning to the Negroes but the college by "reserving seats for white patrons" had made the game pay.

When the sideshow becomes more fascinating and interesting than the show in the big top tent, then the sideshow has become the main event.

Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

THE SPORTS TRAIL

MORRIS BROWN, MORGAN, SOUTHERN, FLORIDA, FAVORED IN NATIONAL NEGRO FOOTBALL RACE

Totally oblivious of the selective service draft and entrance of stars into defense industries, Negro football is geared up this season for one of the hottest and dizziest national championship races in a decade.

Morris Brown, Wilberforce, Morgan and Prairie View—selected a year ago set the woods afire—fulfilled the prophecy with magical accuracy. The Purple Wolverines grabbed off the national title by spanking the Green Wave 19-3 New Year's day in the first Steel Bowl Classic at Birmingham. Morris Brown had swept honors in the SIAC and Wilberforce had bagged the the Midwestern Conference show.

Morgan's undefeated but once tied Bears ruled the boost in the CIAA, with only Prairie View falling short of expectations in coming under the wire as runners-up to the Southwestern co-champions, Southern and Langston.

The final standing of the "Big Ten" of Negro football at the close of 1940, was as follows: 1. Morris Brown, 2. Florida, 3. Morgan, 4. Wilberforce, 5. Southern, 6. Johnson C. Smith, 7. Langston, 8. Kentucky State, 9. Alabama, 10. Lincoln (Pa.).

This year, almost without exception, the 1940 pacesetters will again have the throttle wide open, setting a blistering pace for the rest of the wolf-pack.

Most improved clubs in the national spotlight should be Texas College and Greensboro A. and T., the Steers having lost but two lettermen by graduation while returning no less than 26 men who have won their insignia "T" and the Aggies welcom-

ing back 25 lettermen after losing only seven. These teams should come under the wire just ahead of Prairie View and Lincoln in the 1941 derby.

The 13 foremost grid powers and their championships potentialities by sections would seem to rate in this fashion:

SIAC—Morris Brown, Florida Alabama, Lane.

CIAA—Morgan, J. C. Smith, A and T., Lincoln, (Pa.).

Midwest—Kentucky State, Wilberforce.

Southwest—Southern, Texas, Langston, Prairie View.

Foremost contenders for national honors should be Morris Brown, Southern, Morgan and Florida.

Brown, gluefingered end, from last year's starting eleven, nine 1940 regulars and 15 other lettermen are back, headed by the all-time all-American John ("Big Train") Moody. Last year's individual scoring leader with 109 points in eight games: Willis Griffin, an all-American guard; William Wysinger, all-Southern tackle and 1941 captain-elect, and Alex Sheppard, all-Southern guard.

Southern shedded all-American Raymond ("Pelican") Hill, back, and Ulysses Jones, giant center, but the team which dropped but one game in nine starts against an all-major schedule last year returns exactly 22 gifted lettermen. Southern packs one of the finest scoring machines in the game.

Morgan was hit heavily, yielding 11 stars of old, but the Bears feature a hand-picked squad yearly and are bouncing back with 18 lettermen and an array of the most finished triple and double threat backs in the country.

Florida had only three major losses —William Horton, all-American end, Tailback Oswald Glymph, Thomas Sutton, end, and figures to be even tougher than last campaign when her freshmen-sophomore sensations lost only to Alabama State by a one-point margin, won six, and scored dope-upsetting ties over a trio of major foes. Those flaming men in orange gave Morris Brown's national champions their one defeat 20-13, in one of the year's dizziest returns. The Famceeans return eight starters and 13 other lettermen, Macon William 210-pound tailback and Roy Gant, all-American guard, are the main stars.

Based on returning material, quality of coaching and schedule, and other pertinent factors, the 1941 big parade should be led by Morris Brown, Southern, Morgan, Florida, Texas, Kentucky State, Wilberforce J. C. Smith, Alabama, and Greensboro A. and T., with Prairie View, Lincoln, (Pa.), Virginia State, Langston and Lane having a lot to say about the whole business.

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After 10 Long Years, Wright Beats Jim-Crow, Wins Title

KO's Archibald in Washington, Says He Will Meet All Comers as Champ, No Matter How Tough

For ten tough, bitter years, Albert (Chalky) Wright, great Negro featherweight, had angled in vain for a shot at the championship. He never got a chance, because he hit too hard—and because he is a Negro. And while much of fighting's Jim Crow has been eliminated since the advent of Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong, the featherweight division is rather obscure and the discrimination has lingered on there.

Well past 30, the California veteran finally got his opportunity Thursday night against the N. Y. State champion Joey Archibald. Many a fight fan is rejoicing today, because Chalky, as expected, put Archibald to sleep, and finally became champion in name as well as in fact.

They dodged Chalky for ten years —and you could hardly blame him if he used those tactics himself now that he's champ.

But not Chalky.

"I'll fight any of 'em who prove they're good enough for a chance at the championship," he said, "and the tougher, the better."

To prove it, he indicated he's seeking a bout with Richy Lemos, young NBA ruler, in an effort to clear up the featherweight double title mess.

There are obviously going to be some changes made in the 126-pound class.

For years, during the reign of Petey Scalzo, NBA topman, and while Archiband ruled the roost in New York, California and three other states, Wright was recognized as the unofficial champion. By knocking Archibald out in the eleventh round in Washington, Wright goes into the books as the feather ruler and there's nothing those so-called sportsmen can do to alter that. Popular opinion forced the hand of Al Weill, Archibald's manager, and now that Scalzo no longer owns the NBA title, Chalky should have no trouble in arranging a match with Lemos, the California born Mexican boy who polished off Petey in that sunkissed state a few months back.

There wasn't much doubt in the minds of the followers of the beak-busting business that Chalky would finish Archibald. This despite the fact that he isn't the fighter he was five years ago. To earn his keep he had to go out of his division and fight bigger men, and, though he handled most of them pretty much as he pleased, it's a gruelling process laying out tough men with a weight advantage running as high as 25 pounds.

But he had plenty Thursday night. He chucked leather from every angle and literally swarmed all over Archibald until the latter was well worn out and then delivered the crusher.

In the case of Lemos it might be a different matter, although Chalky should triumph because of longer ring experience.

At any rate Wright is now the recognized champ in these parts, and it becomes his pleasant duty to lie back and listen to the offers of managers eager to throw their featherweights in against him. Now, at least, he'll fight men his own size.

The fight, incidentally, was staged in Washington, which was supposed to be opposed to mixed bouts until Henry Armstrong proved that fight fans pay to see fights, not complexions.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

New York University Opens 68th Gridiron Season On Saturday

New York University's 68th intercollegiate football season will be inaugurated on Saturday, September 27, with the violet varsity grid team playing host at Ohio Field to the Pennsylvania Military College eleven from Chester, Pa. This will be the sixth visit of the P. M. C. cadet team to University Heights since the series started in 1935. N. Y. U. has been the victor in all previous five meetings. Last year the New Yorkers won by 32 to 6.

Greater man-power generally told the tale in the earlier N. Y. U. —P. M. C. tilts with the New Yorkers having the better of the bargain. Each year the cadets presented stiff opposition in the early stages of the game but their lack of capable replacements for the experienced players proved costly later in the contests.

The New York University squad returned from its Lake Sebago training camp on last Thursday and all week Coach Mal Stevens and his aids will continue to put the finishing touches on the 1941 varsity in late afternoon drills at Ohio Field

Bystander
Moines, Iowa

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JIM WALKER

Iowa City, Ia., (ANP)—Jim Walker, since 1939 one of the outstanding tackles in the western conference, is playing his third and final season on the University of Iowa football team. He is the only Negro on the current squad.

A 200 pounder who stands 6 feet 1 inch tall, Walker is studying to be a coach. Last year he played 60 minutes against Notre Dame and Wisconsin, blocking a punt and grabbing the ball on the bounce in the latter game for a 66-yard touchdown run that broke a 12-12 tie. He was handicapped part of his sophomore year by a knee injury. Walker is the only returning letter man among the tackles.

A former football, baseball and basketball player of South Bend, Ind., the 23year od star is looking forward to his greatest season at tackle.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Presenting No. 1 Athlete

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DES MOINES, Iowa—(SNS)—

Bill Brown, Sports Editor of radio station WHO, is shown above presenting Des Moines' number one athlete, Joe Howard, to sports fans over the Central Broadcasting system.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

MRS. ARMSTRONG TO SEE HENRY IN HIS TITLE BID

JAN 11 1941

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9—Mrs. Henry Armstrong, wife of hustling Henry Armstrong, who will attempt to regain the welterweight laurels from Fritzie Zivic January 17 at Madison Square Garden, left early this week by rail for New York to be at ringside to spur her gallant husband on to victory. In an exclusive statement to a Courier reporter, Mrs. Armstrong happily stated that her spouse had promised her a big belated surprise Christmas present if she would come to the big city for his titular bout. Mrs. Armstrong also opined that win, lose, or draw, she sincerely hoped that her battling better half would retire from the ring for good after this bout.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

RUNS 600 IN 1:12.1 IN N. Y. SPRINTS

By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

NEW YORK, Jan. 23—Jim Herbert, who has practically filled the record books with his achievements on track during the past three winters, is still alive and kicking. In the feature 600-yard event Saturday night of the Metropolitan AAU track and field championships at the Bronx coliseum, Herbert set a new meet record of 1:21.1 and defeated Johnny Quigley of Manhattan by five feet.

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Herbert, who graduated last year from the New York university, dueled with Quigley all the way. Starting on the outside lane, Jimmy caught up with Quigley in the first backstretch, assumed the lead at the second turn and stayed there. Quigley challenged in the home stretch when Herbert veered too wide at the last turn. The inside lane was clear for Quigley. He tried his best to close up the gap, but Herbert had enough left to stave him off. The old mark for the meet of 1:12.6 was Herbert's own and was set in 1937.

In addition to Herbert, other race luminaries of the meet were Eddie Gordon, broadjumper; Tom Carney, sprinter, and Fabian Francis, George Hagans and Dave Lawyer all members of New York university relay teams.

Gordon, who won the Olympic broadjump title in 1932, retained his Metropolitan AAU title with a leap of 22 feet 6 inches, marking his fourth victory in this particular meet. His nearest competitor, Al Borouch, of St. John's university, could do no better than 21 feet 11½ inches.

Carey, who was last year's winner in the sprint event, was left without a serious competitor when Herb Thompson, another great sepia star, pulled a tendon midway in the final lap and was forced to retire. At that, Carey was clocked in 6.3 which was one-tenth of a second faster than his own meet record.

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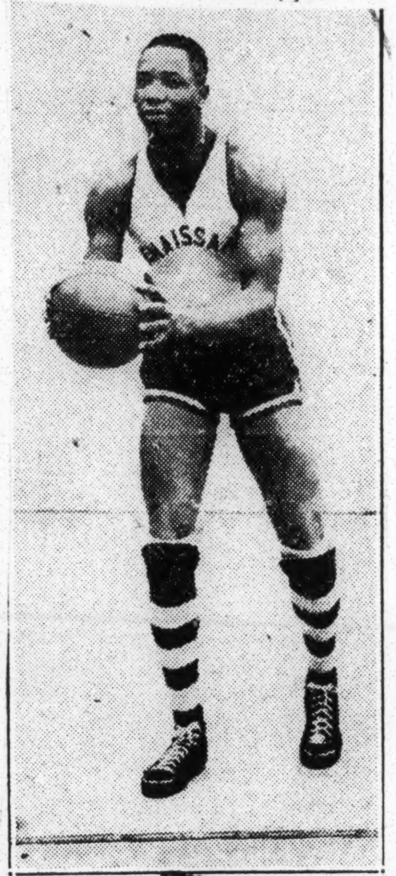

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Williams Packs Punch

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The charges against Union included the unsportsmanlike conduct of the spectators at the game played in Richmond between Union and Morgan State College, played in the City Recreation Center, February 7. The official who registered the protest was Dr. J. R. Gladden, of Baltimore, Md. The game was characterized as lacking seriously in good sportsmanship on the part of Union officials and spectators by the umpire, Dr. Gladden. MAR 22 1941

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Chicago has its Golden Gloves team—and now for the Tournament of Champions!

Eight rugged fighters, one in each weight class, were left standing at the conclusion of the struggle for the city titles Wednesday night in the Coliseum. These sturdy punchers now move on to the Stadium, where on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week they meet the finest amateur boxers of all the far-flung Golden Gloves territory from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico and from eastern Ohio to the Texas Panhandle.

These eight Chicago champions are:

112 pound—Harold Dade, CYO.
118 pound—Raymond Brown, CYO.
126 pound—William Jefferson, CYO.
135 pound—Robert Earl, Savoy AC.
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Heavyweight—Clayton Worlds, Savoy AC.

Three of these—Dade, Brown, and Williams—are successful defenders of the city titles they won last year. Earl also is a veteran of Golden Gloves competition, having been beaten in last year's tournament by the ultimate champion of his class, Eddie O'Connell. That, incidentally, was the last time Earl lost a fight.

Champions Show Improvement

All three defending champions revealed that they are better than they were last year. In slugging their way through this tournament, which ran for three consecutive nights, they showed class, smoothness, ring generalship, excellent timing and effective hitting power.

The crowd which watched them march to their titles felt assured that this city will have powerful representatives in next week's big show in the Stadium. Chicago's boxers will be just eight boys against a field of more than 350. Against these numerical odds, this city's team came away last year with three out of eight titles. So the 1941 squad has a tradition to live up to.

Their opponents in the tournament of champions will come from 43 centers where newspapers have been cooperating with Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., in the sponsorship of Golden Gloves eliminations. The entries for boxing's biggest show drew fighters from 23 states. Thus the task of Chicago's boys is a big one but by the way they fought in the Coliseum bouts, they appear equal to giving a great account of themselves.

Champ Just Too Good

Little George Adams of the Savoy AC put up a tremendously game fight against Dade in the first of the finals. The defending champion was so superior in technique, experience, height, and reach, however that Adams never had a chance. Yet the tiny flyweight stayed in there and took everything that Dade threw at him, bouncing back and forth and getting in a few licks on his own account.

Brown put away his last adversary, Henry Vera of the CYO, in a jiffy. The first round was just well under way when he staggered Vera with a solid right to the jaw. A few seconds later he drove him into the ropes and knocked him down so emphatically that the bout was stopped.

Robert Stuckey of the Red Wings AC put up a game struggle against Jefferson, but with the exception of a brief rush in the second round and another flurry in the third, he was unable to make any headway. The colored boy, fighting from a southpaw stance, tagged Stuckey every time he charged. Stuckey kept swinging right to the finish, however, despite a steady barrage of blows to the face and body.

Earl Skims Through

Earl was forced to his limit in coming through two hard fights. In the semifinals he was awarded a decision over Joe Manjarrez of the CYO by a very narrow margin. He had to work so hard in that engagement that he was a bit weary when he came out for his final with Edward Colquitt of the Savoy. Colquitt hit Earl hard and often. Earl, however, boxed his way out of many a tight spot and pounded over enough points to win.

Satterfield took his welterweight title on a knockout in the second round. His opponent was Arthur Reese of the Savoy AC. Satterfield had Reese down for a count of eight in the first round. In the second he continued to press his advantage and presently whipped over a thunderous right that stretched Reese for the full count.

Thomas used his long, straight left to keep John Crane of the Savoy AC at bay in the middleweight final. At every chance he slammed in punishing blows. Crane was strong and aggressive, however, and it was a slugging match to the finish before the decision went to Thomas.

Williams Packs Punch

Williams showed his customary machinelike accuracy in whipping over hard, straight punches in his final match with Jesse Jackson, another Savoy boy. Measuring off his foe with cool deliberation, Williams wore him down systematically in the first round and put him away in the second. After punishing Jackson steadily about the jaw and body, Williams closed in, hammered over a thumping blow to the stomach, and sent Jackson to the canvas. The referee stopped it before the count was completed.

Worlds found an opponent almost as gigantic as himself in his heavyweight final opponent — Luke Baylark. These two behemoths stood up and chopped away at each other with the enthusiasm of batamweights. There was never a letup in their three rounds of hammering. Worlds kept a narrow margin most of the way, however, and made sure of the decision with a strong finish.

Journal and Guide
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The eligibility committee preferred the following charges against Union:

1. The playing in the Brooklyn College game without the permission of the C. I. A. A.

2. The use of an ineligible player in the Brooklyn College game.

3. The playing of games of basketball with teams in another conference without permission.

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6. The playing of a professional team without permission and apparently without AAU sanction till after the call of the eligibility committee chairman.

CAMPBELL INELIGIBLE

Wylie A. "Soupy" Campbell was the ineligible player used by Union in the Brooklyn game and also in the game against Clark University, which Union lost in Atlanta. The eligibility committee pointed out that this violation of a CIAA ruling which prohibits players from representing an institution for more than four years was "a patent and open disregard of the Constitution in light of the fact . . that this particular violation was discussed at the last annual meeting," which incidentally was held at Union University.

The charges against Union included the unsportsmanlike conduct of the spectators at the game played in Richmond between Union and Morgan State College, played in the City Recreation Center, February 7. The official who registered the protest was Dr. J. R. Gladden, of Baltimore, Md. The game was characterized as lacking seriously in good sportsmanship on the part of Union officials and spectators by the umpire, Dr. Gladden.

The home team's responsibility for the misconduct of spectators is clearly set out in a provision of the constitution and by-laws of the CIAA. Officials of the home school must provide for the protection of officials and players from the ire of local fans.

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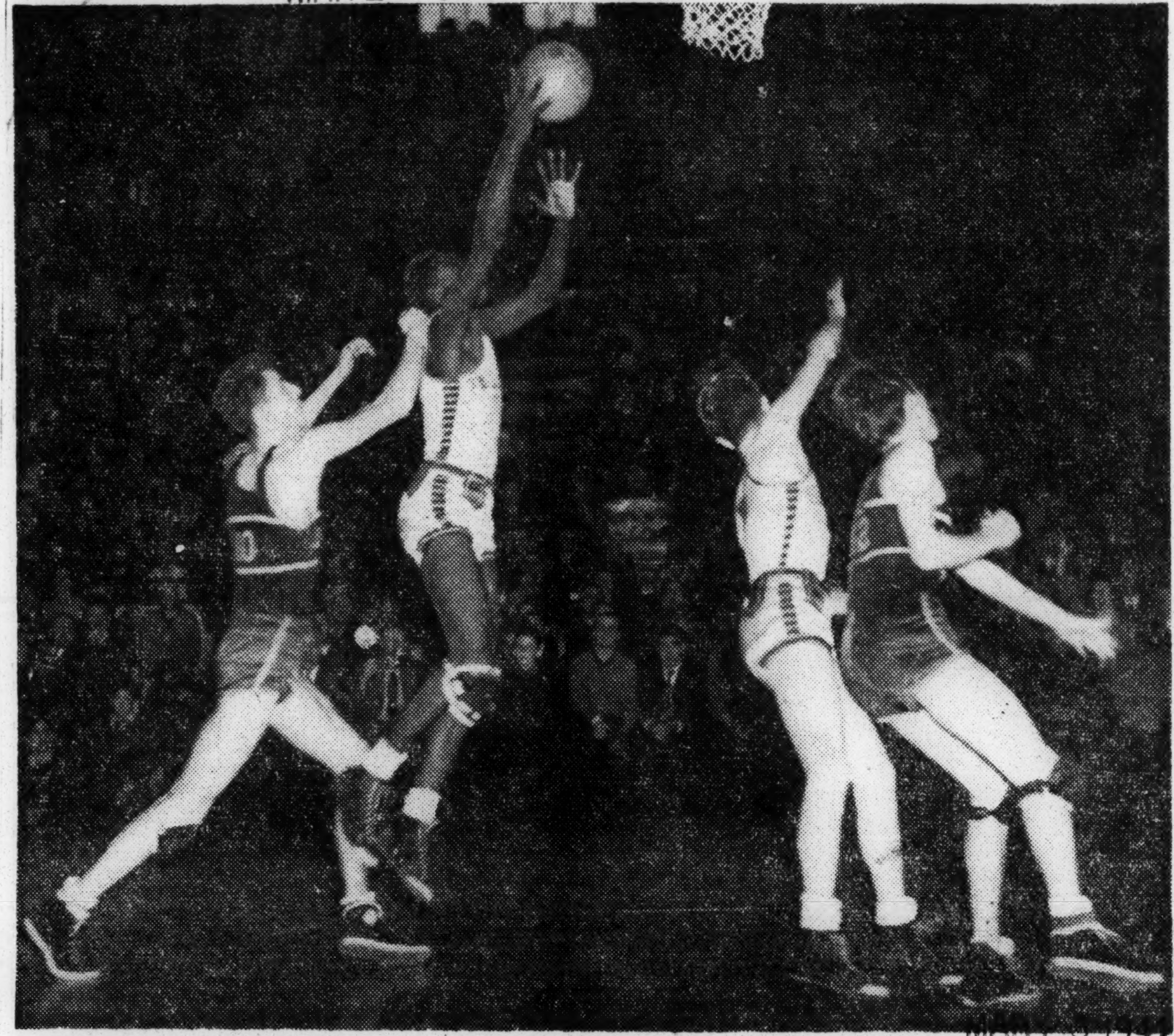

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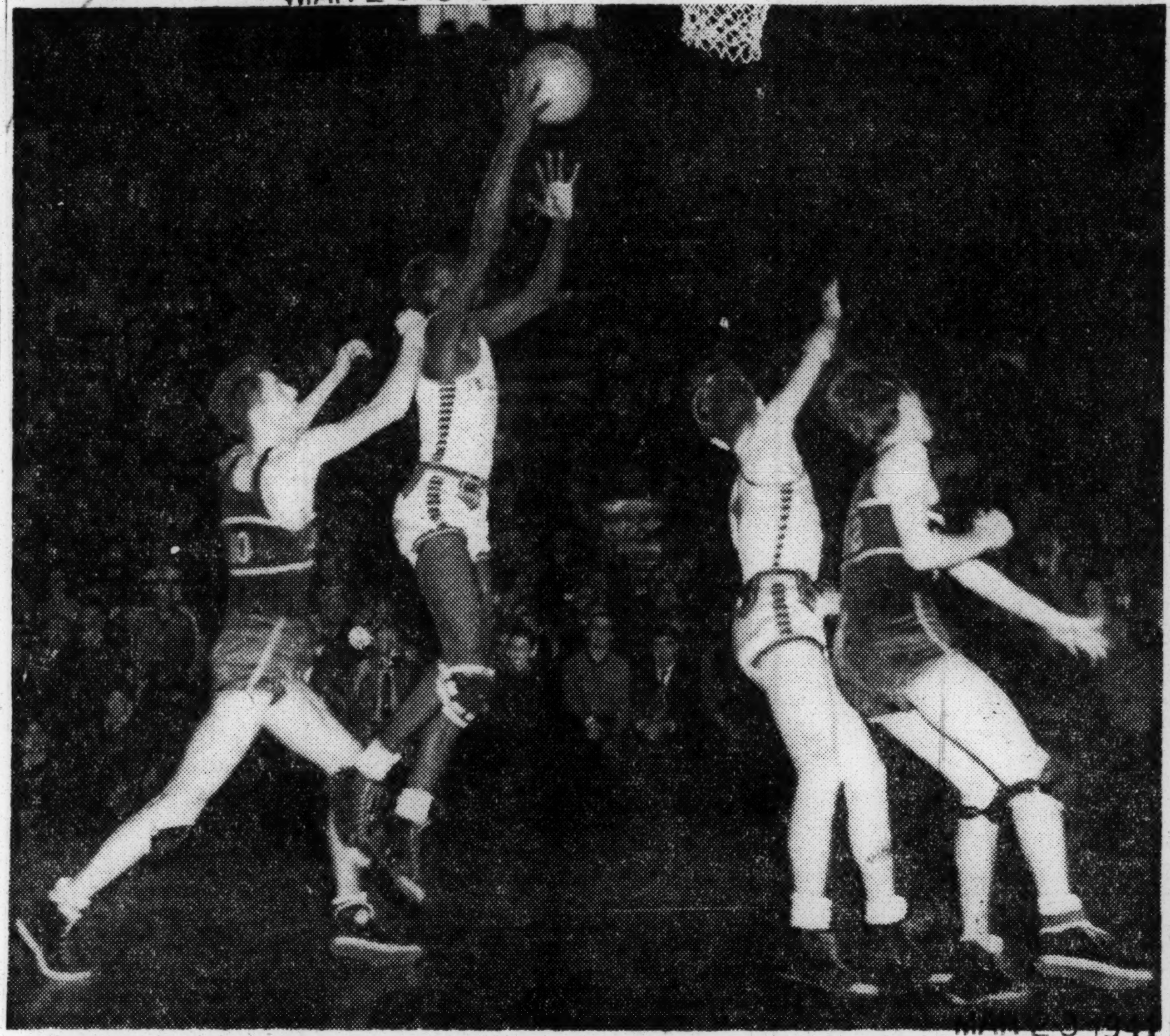

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The Pinch Hitter

• A Chat With Dutch Leonard
• Nats' Hurler Hits Jim Crow

By Bill Newton

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"Most major league ball players would vote against Negro discrimination, if it was put up to them."

Emil (Dutch) Leonard, the Washington Senators efficient boxman, was the speaker. Dutch sat next to me at Wednesday night's Garden basketball doubleheader. The handsome, tanned knuckleball artist had some interesting thing to say, on Jim Crow and other matters.

"Personally, I would have no objection to Negroes playing in the majors," Leonard declared. Some of them are corkers. I played against a colored nine three years ago last October. Johnny Taylor, a young pitcher, sticks in my memory."

Dutch added that he had never seen Satchell Paige, great Negro hurler, in action, but had heard a great deal about him and Josh Gibson, crack Negro receiver.

In taking a slam at baseball's "unwritten law," Dutch, of course, lined up with such stars as Hubbell, Dean, Feller, DiMaggio, Vander Meer, Walters and many others; and such managers and owners as Bill McKechnie and Bill Benswanger of the Pirates. It's a good thing to always remember that the ball players still oppose discrimination, even though the magnates turned thumbs down on the "End Jim Crow" petitions at their winter meetings.

I asked Leonard how he thought Washington would finish this year.

Dutch was silent for a minute.

"What do you think of Greenberg being drafted?" he finally replied. THAT'S your story!"

I agreed it was. Dutch added that he had talked to Morrie Arnovich, soon-to-be-conscripted Giant, and that he was confident Morrie would enlist in the army in order to avoid being drafted in the middle of the season, and thus losing two years of his baseball life.

As for the perennial question: How do you think the Yanks will make out?

"Oh, they're always strong."

And Cleveland, with Oscar Vitt gone? JAN 31 1941

"Well, they usually get to arguing among themselves toward the end of the season. But, come to think of it, I guesse that's over now. They've got a good manager in Peckinpaugh; they ought to go places."

Dutch is a modest fellow who doesn't like to talk about himself. But one thing the Senators' hard-luck ace, who won 14 and lost 19 last year, was emphatic about. That's his famed knuckler. When Leonard was dropped by the Dodgers, the story was that no other catcher could handle his stuff after Al Lopez had gone to Boston. And that's the way it still looks sometimes, when Dutch is having trouble controlling his sharp-breaking curves.

"But that idea is wrong," Leonard insisted. "The knuckler really isn't any harder to handle than other stuff. Catchers don't have any special trouble with it."

Rick Ferrell receives the ex-Dodger's slants on the Senators, and generally is credited with part of Leonard's success. Despite Dutch's beliefs, however—and, by the way, he thinks highly of his battery mate—I'd hate to see Babe Phelps trying to catch Leonard on a day when his stuff really was breaking. Babe would bang every one of those famous fingers of his in an hour.

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Debut of That Rhode Is. 5; Farewell to King at Garden

JAN 29 1941

Unbelievable High Scoring Outfit Meets St. Francis in Opener—Great Negro Star Honored as LIU Plays Butler

A dual attraction of great dramatic promise ushers in the return of basketball to Madison Square Garden tonight. The fabulously high-scoring Rhode Island State team, unbeaten in nine games and averaging 81 points per game, makes its New York debut in meeting St. Francis of Brooklyn in the opener. LIU, pacesetter among the locals with 11 wins in 12 games, meets the strong Butler of Indiana team in the nightcap in a game that marks the end of the collegiate career of Captain Bill King, great Negro center, who will be honored with the presentation of a trophy by LIU students.

Nobody knows for sure whether this Rhode Island team is one of those overbuilt publicity agents' dream or not. It's known that the caliber of basketball in the New England section is pretty ragged, but the visitors did knock over as good a team as St. Josephs of Philadelphia 72-66 on the Rhode Island court. The Staters play a practically defenseless game, with big Warren Keaney feeding the ball the length of the court like a bullet to a trio of fast running point talliers. Stutz Modzelewski is the high scorer of this wierd aggregation, and they say he can really drop them in. He tallied 509 points in 22 games last year, a record for intercollegiate competition.

A delegation of 600 rooters from the town of Kingston, Rhode Island will add to the excitement and give the Garden that homey touch.

As St. Francis is a pretty high scoring bunch in its own right, and has about the weakest defense of the metropolitan teams, all scoring records may go in a wild blaze of baskets. Should be a lot of fun anyhow, even if it isn't exactly slick basketball.

BUTLER GOOD TEAM

There'll be plenty of that latter in the second game. Butler is one of the perenially strong Midwestern outfits, and rates much better than the team that was just edged out by LIU 46-44 last year. But of course LIU is also improved. A close hard-fought game is looked for.

Starting along with King will be veterans Lobello, Schechtman and Schwartz, and sophomore Saul Cohen, who has won the starting post from the bigger Hank Beenders on the strength of his fine shooting.

Before the game begins, Irving Marsh, president of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association (composed of scribes of all the local dailies) will present a bronze trophy to King on behalf of the students of LIU, who took up a collection. The trophy will have figures in basketball, football and baseball to symbolize Bill's four-year All-American caliber in those sports.

RODNEY.

Guardian
Boston, Mass.

Colored Track Stars Lose in V.F.W. Meet

Competition was too keen and the Colored track stars were not ready at the 3d annual V.F.W. indoor track championships witnessed by 8,000, including a large turnout of Colored fans, at the Boston Garden last Saturday night.

Herbert Third

Johnny Borican, Shore A.C. veteran, and 1,000 yd. champion, was obviously not at his best as he finished third in the Invitational 880-yd. run, won by Campbell Kane of Indiana, in a new meet record, 1m. 56 seconds.

Jimmy Herbert of New York, almost a last minute entry, was far from his usual form as he barely placed third behind winner Roy Cochran of Indiana in a new meet record 1m. 12.9 seconds.

Tufts track captain Eddie Dugger showed his lack of form when, after equalling the world's record, he took a hurdle much too high in the final and was nosed out by national A.A.U. hurdles champion, Fred Walcott of Texas. The time again equalled the world's record.

McDowal New Star

Gil Walker, Boston College sophomore sprinter and halfback, was barely beaten in the New England A.A.U. 50yd. dash won by Floyd of Brown. Walker looked faster than last year, finishing second.

The N. Y. U. relay paced by Dave Lawyer and George Hagans, positively ran arch rival Fordham U. into the ground.

But two anchor men, Bounding Bob Dixon of Rhode Island State and Albert McDowal of St. John's University, N. Y. provided the best relay thrill of the evening, with McDowal beating Dixon amid a madhouse.

Eddie Dugger led the crack Tufts relay off to victory over New Hampshire and Brown and William Maze, representing the Boston Y, tied for second in the high jump at six feet. Ed Smith, ex Big Ten hurdles king; Reggie Cook, Northeastern; Pearman of B. U.; and Aaron Smith of Cambridge were among the competitors on the long program.

Chicago Defender
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WINS ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP

Marjorie Capehart, winner of the Harlem Y.W.C.A. archery contest in New York city, totaling 2,200 points to her nearest competitor's 1,650. The meet and educational night celebration wa[s] [spon]sored by Miss Inez Patterson, director of p[hysical] education.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

FAST TIME LIKELY IN MILE SATURDAY

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RICE-LASH DUEL ON CARD

JAN 26 1941

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Year in and year out, the Millrose Games have been a sure-fire attraction, always a sell-out since the meet was moved to the new Madison Square Garden in 1926. Next Saturday will be no exception. A capacity gathering of 15,000 is expected to see the annual show that is the first of five major Garden meets.

As usual, the footracing extravaganza is crammed with record-breakers and champions for a swift-moving meet. New talent will compete with tried and proved performers.

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The roll-call of veterans finds such stars as Chuck Fenske, Greg Rice, Don Lash, Jim Herbert, Wesley Wallace and Allan Tolmich. New to Garden fans will be Harold Davis, California sprinter who is now the "world's fastest human"; Paul Moore, 4:11.5 miler who holds the world three-quarter mile record; John Munski, a big figure in the mile these days; Roy Cochran, one of the best 600-yard racers in the land, and Fred Wolcott, greatest hurdler in competition.

It is an exceptionally attractive program that Director Fred Schmertz has arranged. Features, of course, will be the Wanamaker Mile, whose five starters hold all the National A. A. U., National Collegiate A. A. and I. C. 4-A indoor and outdoor mile titles.

Fenske Holds Meet Record

Fenske set a Millrose record of 4:07.4 in winning last year, and may have to do better to triumph over Walter Mehl, Munski, Moore and Leslie MacMitchell. This should be a sizzling race, with the outcome uncertain right to the tape.

The two-mile will send Rice and Lash at it again. The Notre Dame alumnus won in 1939 and the Indiana graduate in 1940, when he set the Millrose record of 9:00.9. Competing with them will be Ralph Schwarzkopf, Joe McCluskey, George De George and Tommy Deckard.

Herbert and Wallace will resume their N. Y. U.-Fordham rivalry in the Millrose 600. Each holds a leg on a trophy that will be retired this year. If Cochran or Johnny Quigley triumphs the fastest time over the three-year span will determine ownership. Herbert's 1:11.4 a season ago, a Millrose record, is best.

The 880 will send Campbell Kane, Charlie Beetham and Jim Kehoe into action—the N. C. A. A. 880-yard king, the National A. A. U. 800-meter ruler and the national junior 800-meter titleholder. Kehoe is likely to double in the 1,000 against John Borican.

Sprinters to Renew Duel

The sprints have not had such appeal in years as now. Davis was a Salinas Junior College student last season when he won both dashes at the national championships in the magnificent time of 0:10.2 and 0:20.4. In both races Barney Ewell, Penn State Negro, was runner-up. These were the only defeats for the Nittany Lion all season.

They will clash on Saturday at 60 and 300 yards. In the shorter distance Ewell, a faster starter than Davis, may be favored. There will be sixteen starters in the 60 and nine in the 300.

The hurdles also should be interesting, since Wolcott, beaten once last season, will meet his conqueror, Ed Dugger of Tufts. The Texan bowed to the New Englander in the N. C. A. A. high hurdles, but defeated him in the lows and in both national championship timber-topping tests. Tolmich and Larry O'Connor also are entered.

Rounding out the meet will be a relay program that involves twenty-six colleges. This always has provided excitement and should do so again.

Seton Hall Card Enlarged

Two days after the Millrose meet, Seton Hall will stage its games in the Jersey City Armory. This will be by far the best meet the Jersey collegians ever have staged.

The Rev. James A. Carey yesterday added two events, a medley shot put and a high jump. The medley shot put is to star Al Blozis of Georgetown, a Jersey City boy who never has competed there since his graduation from Dickinson High School. He will go after world records with the 12 and 16-pound shot.

The I. C. 4-A. yesterday admitted to membership the University of New Hampshire, forty-ninth member college, and the New Englanders will be eligible for the indoor championships at the Garden on March 1. Navy and St. John's also will compete for the first time. All the member colleges have received entry blanks from Asa Bushnell's Central Office.

The new Metropolitan Intercollegiate championships at the Bronx Coliseum on Feb. 12 will follow the I. C. 4-A. meet pattern. The thirteen varsity events will be identical with the I. C. 4-A. program, and so will the thirteen events in the freshman phase of the competition.

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WINS ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP

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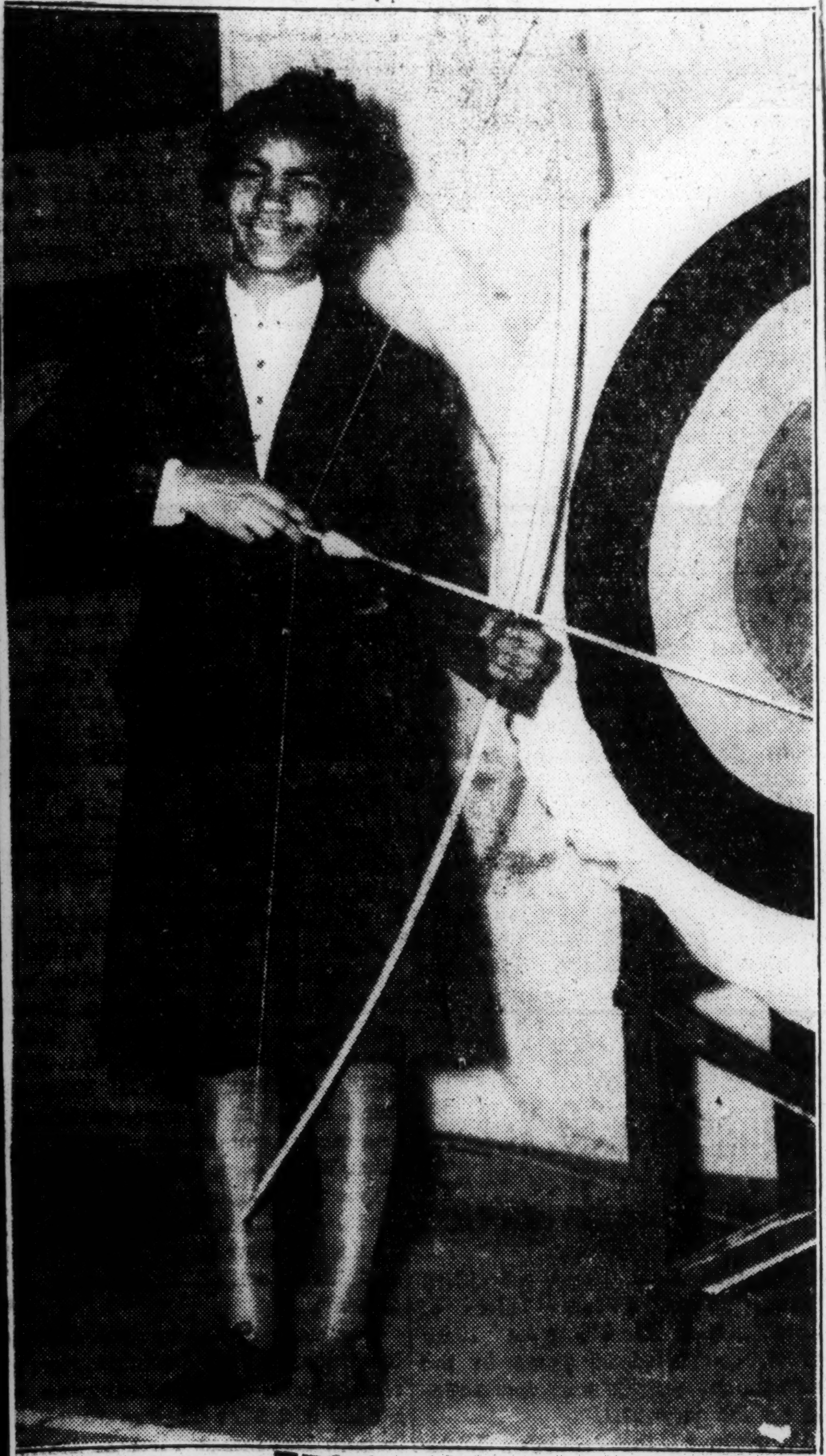

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MARJORIE CAPEHART, who won the Y. W. C. A. Archery Championship for the second consecutive year. Last year Marjorie scored fourteen hundred points, this year she increased it to twenty-two hundred. Marjore scored two bulls eye out of each six arrows shot.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Henry Goes Down, Joe Goes On Up

Two champions met in Madison Square Garden on Friday night. They are the greatest in the history of the American prize ring.

One of them was Joe Louis, who, as world's heavyweight champion, has defended his title thirteen times, fighting more often and knocking out more opponents than any other previous wearer of the heavyweight crown.

The other was Henry Armstrong, who recently retired from the ring, as the only boxer ever to hold at one time the championship in three weight divisions.

Recently, Armstrong lost his last crown to one Fritzie Zivic in a battle that made ring history. No longer equipped with the strength and energy of past years, blinded by Zivic's blows, warned by the referee he would be allowed only one more round of fighting, Armstrong gave Zivic in the eleventh round, a terrific lacing. For that three minutes he was the old champion.

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In the next round, the fight was stopped and the verdict awarded to Zivic.

On Friday night, Armstrong was called to the ring before 17,000 fans and a radio audience of millions to receive a medal and the plaudits of the crowd.

That crowd saw two champions—Henry Armstrong bowing out as a fighter, Joe Louis defeating Red Burman to keep his championship—Henry Armstrong going down, Joe Louis still going up.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Four Colored Fighters Win Titles In Chicago Golden Gloves Tournament

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CHICAGO, Ill. — Four colored boxers and four white boys—the best in the West—were crowned champions of the Chicago Golden Glovers Tournament of Champions here Friday night before a wildly cheering crowd of 21,000 at the Stadium. The winners will represent Chicago in the annual Inter-City clash against a similar squad from New York here on March 26.

Harold Dade, 112-pound Chicago colored boy, repeated his triumph of a year ago by pounding out a decision over Paul Carbetta, Cleveland, for the flyweight title. Dade's heavier punching earned the official's approval.

Tommy Campbell, colored southpaw from Moline, Ill., came from behind to score a close verdict over Richard Sholl, Peoria, in the 135-pound championship bout. Campbell dropped Sholl in the third round for a count of two.

Heavier and more accurate punching won the 175-pound class title for Hezzie Williams, Chicago, over Ray Standifer, Kansas City, both colored. Williams dropped his man for no count in the third round.

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Closest fight of the night was the heavyweight battle between Allen Aubrey, colored Clevelander, and Al Jordan, colored, Kansas City. Both boys landed terrific punches, but the judges gave Aubrey the edge.

Ray Brown, Chicago 118-pounder, and Eddie Hudson, Moline 126-pounder lost closed decisions in their respective divisions.

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Franklin New Heavy Threat

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Young Cleveland Negro K.O.'s Abe Simon in Fifth

OCT 25 1941

Lem Franklin, a hard hitting Negro heavyweight from Cleveland, battered his way into the title picture Monday night in his home town when he knocked out Abe Simon in the fifth round before a capacity crowd of 13,256, largest indoor crowd in Cleveland history.

Franklin, who has been coming fast, floored the 255 pound New Yorker in the first and again in the second. Simon rallied and held his own till the fifth when Franklin again exploded his bombs and the fight was stopped as the man who went 13 rounds with Joe Louis lay helpless over the ropes.

Franklin who said he "loves to punch and is learning to box," expressed a desire to meet Joe Louis for the title, but said inasmuch as the champ was going into the army he would be glad to prove his worth by taking on Conn, Nova, Baer or any other heavyweight contender in the meanwhile.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Han. Armstrong's Glorious Finale

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Just before Joe Louis shuffled out of his corner in Madison Square Garden in New York City, last week to meet and ultimately cut down Clarence "Red" Burman of Baltimore, the announcer called a small brown fighter to the center of the ring ... his name was Henry Armstrong, a great little fighter who had proved to the world that prestige and acclaim can still follow a fighter even after he has tasted the bitter pangs of defeat ... In a perfect verbal tribute to this little automaton of the prize ring, the announcer extolled his manly and fistic virtues as the crowd roared in approval and felicitation ... it was the occasion when a little king of the squared circle, shorn of the triple crown he had once worn, was making his final bow, but still he went shrouded in the glory he had gathered as he fought his way through the ranks of all comers to win thre world titles and nearly a fourth.

JOE SEWALL

Hammering Henry Armstrong, had no reason to hold his head low as he accepted the medal presented him, but there is one lesson his action brings to mind.

It is the opinion of many fight followers that the most glorious exit out of the fistic wars is the timely act of retiring undefeated ... thousands of words have been written urging Joe Louis to hang up his over-used mitts before some stumble bum comes along and topples him with a lucky punch or that ever present better guy belts him out of the ring for all times.

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This department has always felt that an athlete should stay in the competition as long as he feels he is physically fit and there are worthy competitors. The warrior who stands monarch over all he surveys, like Alexander the Great, may be prone to drown an eye because there are no more worlds to conquer, but Joe Louis has yet to strip the field of all possible challengers ... There are many who want to see the champ again lay Maxie Baer out of the way, as well as prove that Billy Conn will be operating in the wrong league when he clashes with the potent punches of Joe Louis ... Louis, at 26, evidently doesn't feel that he is slipping regardless of the prolific news stories that claim he is on the skids because he took five long rounds to get the well conditioned Burman out of the way ... I wonder why they weren't writing such tripe about the alleged great Jack Dempsey who never had the enviable record Louis has for quick kayoes ... But Joe Louis set such a terrific standard from scratch that the boys just don't get it ... Joe may have them all fooled, because it appears he has changed his method of mayhem as he has not got ten more experienced in the fight game ... Coming out to take 'em away in short order calls for taking lots of chances ... Louis is taking less chance now, and going about the task of lowering opponent with the same technique of the woodsman who starts to chopping with a poignant axe at the base of a powerful California Oak ... It may take some time, but it will be just a matter of time before that tree will be coming down—and down with a crash, for good ... We have given Jack Blackburn and the champ's other handlers credit for doing a good job of handling Louis ... It seems logical to surmise that these men who are closer and know more about the Bomber than any dozen newspapermen, should know just when the time is ripe for Joe to hang up his gloves.

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Joe Louis May Take the Same Road

Retiring undefeated may have its glories for the (get out before they get you) reason, but it also reeks with another implication.

A real champion fails to show the championship mettle when he is casting one eye on the doorway to retirement and at the same time watching the incoming challengers ... ready on the instant that a tough fighter looms into view, to ceremoniously announce a reluctant retirement in favor of, maybe that chap over there with the bulging muscles and that lean and hungry look ... Louis, at this time is still unconcerned about his opponents ... he feels that way because he is a true champion of his division ... he looks to be the type of fighter who will have to be shown in combat that the time has come for him to call it quits ... he is reluctant to truck on out from under the crown feeling in the pink and ready for any man who is looking for a good fight ... It might as well be admitted in passing, that the chap who snatches the title from Joe Louis is certainly going to deserve it ... Joe has proven he, also can take it, and one punch isn't going to do the trick ... Galento found that out in the second round of his fight with Louis, and Maxie Schmeling also learned that salient point when he had to wallop the brown boy almost sixty times with his Sunday punch before Joe went down for the doleful decimal.

Louis sat at the ringside the night Armstrong lost to Zivic for the second time ... Maybe Joe decided right there and then that he too, would prefer making his exit in that manner.

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Henry Armstrong had one great maxim—as good in life as it was for him in the prize ring—KEEP PUNCHING ... He used it to take him to the top of the heap ... his record bears no blemish ... what more could the career of a great fighter ask for ... his exit was normal ... he fought on and on ... all comers ... until his great heart weakened and his weary muscles failed to respond with the old snap ... Like the great gunman of the bad days of the old West, Henry went down with his boots on, but as he passed out we noticed that old flurry of arms—Henry was in there swinging, and it must have been a weary voice from within that just kept murmuring to Henry, "Keep Punching boy, Keep Punching"—Who knows but what Joe Louis wouldn't rather take this same way out? ... That, my friends, is a suitable end to GLORY ROAD. *Hank went out punching.*

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

State Hornets Face Morehouse Today

NOV 15 1941

Tilt Marks Last Game Before Tuskegee Test Nov. 20

The State Teachers College Hornets left for Atlanta yesterday morning where they clash with Morehouse College Tigers today for their last game before the home-coming battle here next week against the Tuskegee Golden Tigers on Thanksgiving Day in Cramton Bowl.

Morehouse led the Golden Avalanche from Tuskegee 7-6 until the fourth quarter in the Morehouse-Tuskegee meeting last month at Columbus before the neighboring school knocked in the roof on them and walked away with a 20-7 victory. The outcome of today's game will furnish supporters of the Hornets and Tigers with another score by which they can get an idea of the relative strength of the two teams. Hornet coaches are especially interested in the outcome as the Atlantans use an open attack with plenty of passes similar in many respects to the Tuskegeeans attack. NOV 15 1941

Only one other common foe has been played by the Hornets and Tigers in Morris Brown, the purple-clad team downing the Tuskegee team 29-6 in Atlanta early in the season and then coming to Montgomery to take the Hornet measure 26-6. The three point margin of difference resulted when Morris Brown failed to make a single conversion against the Hornets. Four touchdowns and a safety were scored against both teams. This seems to indicate that Hornets and Tigers stack up about even, and the Morehouse score will cast more light on the situation. Heavy as these Morris Brown scores against the two popular Alabama teams may seem, it is noteworthy that they are the only Conference foes who have scored on the strong Wolverines this Fall. NOV 15 1941

Tuskegee meets Lincoln this afternoon at Tuskegee, making both contestants in the coming melee busy this weekend. However, some intense drilling will be done during the three days next week before the battle is on. Tickets for the Tuskegee-State game ar now on sale at Dean's, Pitt's, Hornet Grill, and May and Green.

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New York, N. Y.

On The Score Board

Going About Picking an All-Star Team

By Lester Rodney

Though Dave Farrell's boy Lou Stringer has done all right in the field with the Cubs this year, he's been something of a flop at bat. But the Coast youngster certainly weighed in with a mighty important wallop when he drove in two runs against the Dodgers Wednesday afternoon in the ninth inning. And here we thought he was a progressive guy after Dave's raves!

Incidentally, while there's nothing easier than second guessing (you can't ever be wrong), it does look as though Durocher was a little panicky throwing Whit Wyatt into the opener as relief man for Higbe. Whit's not a particularly good reliever and needs his full rest to be effective in his starts. Casey has been much better in such late inning spots. More important, Leo cast the air of crisis desperation over the Dodgers by throwing in his ace out of turn while the boys still had their three game lead.

But Leo, a good young manager, is one who learns by experience in a hurry. And the ball club itself has bounced back from apparently stunning defeat at least five times within memory this season. Look out, Cards! We're still going to win that pennant.

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"Stella," who chided us last week for not enough attention to the woman in sports, writes:

"Thanks for the picture of Alice Marble—which proves that the 'Daily' is attentive to requests from its readers. Makes me feel like part of the paper. You've made a steady reader of your page a more attentive one."

Thank YOU for the kind words, Stella. Miss Marble was certainly a good subject for a picture. Not only because she is one of the greatest women athletes ever developed in America (and far from the least photogenic) but for her forthright interest in developing more opportunities for sports for the many, and her determination to do what she can to help crush Hitlerism.

Alice has already consulted with the Trade Union Athletic Association, composed of New York unions with 300,000 members and featuring a program for men and women alike, in connection with her new job as director of recreation for women in the defense program. Which shows that she's tackling her duties in a serious way and understands where the main strength of the country's forces are in the fight to end Nazism.

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And while we're on the subject of the anti-Nazi effort and sports, two of the better Negro baseball teams put on a double-header Sunday at the Polo Grounds for the Harlem Division of the "Fight for Freedom" Committee. These athletes are setting an example by recognizing the main danger to all Americans despite the still persisting Jim-Crowism in the army. Sports fans, who are also anti-Hitler fans, can well redouble the pressure on the big league magnates to end the undemocratic ban on the Negro stars, a move that among other things would certainly help make for even greater national unity.

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The Cards have sold Pitcher Henry Gornicki to the Chicago Cubs, probably for a pretty good hunk of cash. There's a limit even to the good young pitchers the Cards can rope to use next season, and as between Gornicki and Grodzicki, rated potentially even this spring, the latter has done somewhat better at Columbus than the new Cub has at Rochester. Gornicki was a 16-game winner, however, and in his only major league start before being sent down this spring pitched a **ONE-HITTER** against the Phils. As he boarded the train for Columbus the following week, Gornicki might well have scratched his head in bewilderment and asked, **"What does a fellow have to do in this league? Pitch a no-hitter?"**

The return of a good young pitcher like Gornicki to the minors (at minor league salary) highlights one of the not-so-good aspects of the farm system. One team, the Cards, has gathered too many good pitchers to use. Instead of the pitcher having an opportunity to land a job with one of the other big league teams that need him and would gladly pay him big league wages, he is sent down the river. Gornicki is getting a break by coming back to the majors after only one year's farming. Some are kept down there the three full seasons now allowed for farming in the top league classification.

In selling Gornicki to the Cubs, the Cards picked the only National League team that combined the desirable requisites (for the Cards) of not being a potential threat to them next year and being both willing and able to spend a real piece of change.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Birmingham Gets "Steel Bowl" Game On Jan. 1

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 18. (ANP)—In a special session here last Saturday, the executive committee of the SIAC voted approval of an idea presented by C. W. Askew of Birmingham calling for a "bowl game" at Rickwood Field, famed baseball park, in Birmingham New Year's Day.

A "Steel Bowl" successfully promoted last year by a white group, is set again for Jan. 1, 1942, at Legion Field, Birmingham.

Mr. Askew in presenting his plan to the executive committee submitted evidence showing that the Birmingham Colored YMCA originated the "Steel Bowl" and played such a game with high school teams in 1939 and 1940 at Legion Field. He said he was unable at the time to interest any of the college teams in the idea. But, he continued, last year a white group seized his idea and promoted the nationally famous Steel Bowl classic. The white group has registered the use of those titles in Alabama by any one else.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
September 7, 1941

NEGRO COACHES RENAME HEADS

110 Negro Athletic Leaders in South Attend Meetings at College Hill Courts

C. Johnson Dunn, of Alabama State Teachers' college, and all officers of the Southern Coaches' and Officials' association, meeting here yesterday and today, were unanimously re-elected at the afternoon session of the organization.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock and the 110 delegates were welcomed to the city by P. R. Olgiatti, superintendent of parks and playgrounds, who served in place of Commissioner R. M. Cooke, away on an engagement in Washington, D. C.

Walter D. Parks, College Hills Courts supervisor of recreation, introduced Mr. Olgiati and William H. Kindle, coach at Talladego college, responded in opening yesterday's program of discussions of "problems that arise on the field in the course of a football game."

Assistant Attorney General Frank Darwin, introduced by Prof. Thirkield E. Cravens, as a "40 and 8 man interested in athletics and a member of the Southern conference," spoke on "Modern Trends of Football."

"Any nation interested in athletics will be and can be a great nation," Mr. Darwin said, and painted a picture of the warrior nations of old who developed a desire to gain prowess in athletics.

Maj. C. L. Abbott, of Tuskegee (Ala.) institute, gave a brief history of the organization which comprises coaches and officials of the Negro schools in the south since 1922. It was announced also by Maj. Abbott that B. T. Harvey, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer of the group is a "life member of the organization which assigns officials for games and supervise schedules for the Negro colleges of the south."

Of the five local members, hosts to the association at College Hill Courts assembly room and the Silver Moon Night club for a banquet and dance last night, only two received assignments for games during the coming football season. They were Profs. Cravens and Theodore R. ("Red") Gaston.

Hubert Whitaker, Chattanoogan, who attended the meeting from Nashville, received three assignments. Considerable discussion was precipitated in the meeting by F. D. Gaither, of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical college about officials appearing on the field, "with the smell of liquor on their breath."

Nashville was proposed as the next meeting place, and was recommended by the committee, however, Julian Bell, Booker T. Washington High school coach, Memphis, took the floor and carried the association for the "convention city of the south, Memphis."

Officers re-elected follow.

President, C. Johnson Dunn, State Teachers' college, Montgomery, Ala.; vice-presidents, First district, Theodore Wright, Xavier college, New Orleans, La. Second district, T. E. Cravens, department of education, Chattanooga, Tenn. Third district, Paul Webber, South Carolina State college, Orangeburg, S. C. Fourth district, H. L. Moseley, Birmingham, Ala. Fifth district, William Bell, Florida A. & M. college, Tallahassee, Fla.

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PAIGE ASKS TEST FOR NEGRO STARS

Brilliant Hurler Challenges World Series Winners to Game

Confident That Negro Players Could Show Big League Caliber—Tells of Trimming Major Leaguers Consistently on Coast—Players, Fans Want Negro Stars, Fan Vote Would Show Up Jim Crow, He Tells 'Daily'

By Lester Rodney

"Let the winners of the World's Series play us just one game at the Yankee Stadium—and if we don't beat them before a packed house they don't have to pay us!"

That was the challenge thrown yesterday by Satchell Paige, brilliant Negro pitcher, at the unwritten Jim Crow restriction that keeps him and other Negro ballplayers from their rightful place in America's national pastime.

Paige didn't make that statement boastfully. It was made with a quiet confidence backed by the records.

"No all-star team of major leaguers has ever beaten a Negro team on the Pacific Coast in after the season games," he told me at his room in the Olga Hotel in Harlem.

"How many times have you beaten them out there Sathell?" I asked.

He smiled. "I don't remember exactly but htey never beat me in four years trying. And they had some ball players trying. Joe DiMaggio, Charley Gehringer, Dizzy Dean, Pepper Martin, Babe Herman and others." Seriously he added, "There must be something wrong somewhere. Must be just a few men who don't want us to play big league ball. The players are O.K. and the crowds are with us."

"Say," he went on, "just let them take a vote of the baseball fans as to whether they want us in the game or not. I've been all over the country, and I know it would be 100-1 for us."

"And I don't think I'm saying too much when I say that the Yankee Stadium wouldn't come close to holding the fans who would come out the first day Negro ball players went into action."

Lying on his bed next to the banjo he strums expertly was a copy of Monday's Daily Worker with DiMaggio's statement that he was the greatest pitcher of them all.

That tribute from the Yankees' great outfielder didn't surprise him, and he returned the compliment.

"Joe's a swell guy, and I rate him and Charley Gehringer the best batters I faced out there on the coast. Joe learned plenty batting against us, too. It's admitted that Negro pitchers have it over white.

PIRATES AFRAID

"Here's something for you. Two years ago when the Pittsburgh Pirates were in spring training to San Bernardino, Calif., we were playing games out there with our all-star Negro team. There was talk of an exhibition game between us and the Pirates. Well, the Pittsburgh manager turned the game down. And was frank about the reason. Said he was afraid the Pirates would lose the game and lose prestige. Said, 'I don't think they could hit Paige.'

"Did you bump into any warnings against playing or outright prejudice in your travels around the company?" I asked.

"Well," he said reminiscently, "some politician warned us not to tour the state of Texas once. Said Negro and white ball players on the same field down there would never be tolerated. We toured the state from one end to the other and you should have heard the crowds cheer us.

"They said we couldn't go into Texas and we did. Now the same people are telling us that the people don't want us in the big leagues. . . ."

"Another phony they used was that Negro pitchers would be wild might skull a white player, causing trouble. Well, in all the years we've been playing, no Negro pitcher has ever hit a white player with a ball. We've shown what control really is!"

LAUDS 'DAILY' CAMPAIGN

I asked Paige if he had been aware of the drive launched last spring by the Daily and Sunday Worker to have the Brooklyn Dodgers give him a trial.

"Yes," he answered. "I was out in Puerto Rico then, and heard about it. That was really starting something. When you keep talking about the issue and pressing it, it just is a question of time before the fans will want to see the Negro stars and will demand them."

"Would you be ready next year or the year after to step into the majors if the walls are finally smashed down?" I asked.

That was a pretty superfluous question. He's been ready a long time. And so have other stars like Josh Gibson, slugging catcher who Paige said could give Gabby Hartnett of Chicago or any other big league catcher cards and spades.

But Satchell is 29 years old and a little afraid that the break might come too late. I reminded him that Dazzy Vance, one of the greatest of all times, first got his regular big league chance at the age of 29, and hit his peak around 34.

"Hope I hit my peak at 34," he grinned, leaning back on his bed and stretching. "I don't think they can keep us out that long."

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Watchtower

By Roy Wilkins

THE big league professional football season is getting under way once more and is, as usual, lily-white. The major league football moguls, like the major league baseball bosses, continue to overlook good Negro players who are not only good enough for the teams, but who would increase box office receipts. The colored boys —no pun intended—have "color" and crowd appeal. They would make money for pro football and pro baseball.

Roy Wilkins

For the first time last year, and again this year, our boys got a chance to step into the big all-star-professional charity games. Brud Holland in the East and Kenny Washington in the West showed they could keep step with the pros. The Green Bay Packers praised Washington after the 1940 game in Chicago. Holland drew his bit of praise in the East. This year, against the Chicago Bears, Jackie Robinson, former U. C. L. A. star, turned in a glittering performance and scored one of the two All-Star touchdowns by catching a forty-yard pass on a dead-run and crossing the goal line.

Now, scoring on the dreaded Bears is no child's task. The famed Washington Redskins with Sammy Baugh and twenty-five other famous players could not score on the Bears, as the unbelievable score of 73-0 will testify. Anyone who can break through the Green Bay Packers for a 44-yard run is not exactly incompetent. To prove it was no fluke, Washington broke away against the Washington Redskins in an exhibition game in Los Angeles two weeks ago for a 42-yard run.

Of course, these colored boys did not do all this by themselves. They had lines to open up holes and they had blockers to help them gallop down the field. It is important to note they got close cooperation from white boys hailing from colleges in the Deep South.

The point is that some few colored boys show up each year or so with the natural talent, the basic training, and the courage and skill which will make them big-time professional players. Why don't they get a chance in the big leagues? They draw money through the turnstiles. One complaint against Jackie Robinson's school during his undergraduate days was that his coach had assured the other team and the public that Robinson would play in a certain game. Fifty-five thousand persons came to the game on the chance that they would see Robinson break through for one or two of his famous runs. He was kept on the bench and sports writers later wrote bitter columns stating that the crowd would have been down to 25,000 if it had been known Robinson would not appear.

The Negro fans have been more than loyal in spite of the fact that their players are barred from the big circuits and the big money. Although the report persists that George Preston Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, is one of the main obstacles to Negro players in the pro grid ranks, Negro Washingtonians are as fanatic as the rest of the populace in support of the team. Similarly, although Sportsman's Park in St. Louis is the only major league baseball park which segregates Negro fans in a corner of the bleachers, colored St. Louisians will fight anyone about the Cardinals.

Baseball should be in truth our national pastime, with no race barred. Pro football is a business sport and ought not to bar Negro players. The same fans that go to see the Washingtons, the Robinsons and the Hollands as collegians would go to see them as professionals. Perhaps the Negro fans who pay their money and help keep the box office alive might help the situation by some steady, intelligent squawking, year in and year out.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

M. Brown Accepts Post-Season Game

Atlanta, N[illegible] (P)—Unbeaten Morris Brown College, after rejecting invitations to play in three other New Year's Negro football games, has accepted a bid to meet an unselected team at Birmingham, Ala.

Last year Morris Brown claimed the Negro national championship for colleges when it defeated Wilberforce University at Birmingham. The proceeds from this year's contest, called the "Vulcan Bowl," will go to the Negro Y. M. C. A. there.

Morris Brown rejected bids to play Prairie View, Tex.; Morgan College of Baltimore, and in a "Flower Bowl" game at Jacksonville, Fla. The team meets North Carolina College December 6 in Columbus, Ga.

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Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Morris Brown Scores Over Wilberforce, 19-3

Atlanta Eleven Claims National Negro Title In First Annual Steel Bowl Game; 8,000 Fans View Contest; Losers Score First

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By the Associated Press

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 1.—Morris Brown, of Atlanta, a swift-striking football machine, rolled over Wilberforce University, 19-3, here today in the first annual Steel Bowl game and claimed the National Negro title.

Approximately 8,000 fans attended the inaugural contest, which a Steel Bowl committee plans as an annual New Year's Day clash between the Nation's leading Negro football teams.

Carter	R.G.	Griffin
Schnebly	R.T.	Wysinger
Ross	R.E.	Gimers
Proctor	Q.B.	Durham
Castleman	L.H.	Jenkins
Hart	R.H.	Mitchell
Clifton Brown	F.B.	Moody

Wilberforce	3	0	0	0—3
Morris Brown	7	0	6	6—19

Touchdowns—Jenkins (2), Moody. Point after touchdown—Moody (placement). Field goal—Schmebly (from placement). Referee—G. H. Lennon (Bluefield Teachers College). Umpire—M. Forte (Boston University). Field judge—Frank A. Young (Chicago Defender). Head linesman—T. R. Caston (Tennessee State).

Wilberforce, Midwest champions, scored first when Bill Schnebly, 266-pound tackle, booted a field goal from the 7-yard line after a 20-yard punt return by James Hart.

But from there out, Morris Brown piled up increasing evidence of decisive superiority in every phase of play.

The Southern champions rumbled to their first touchdown shortly after Schnebly's field goal, with big John Moody cracking the line for a series of first downs. From the Wilberforce 33, Joe Jenkins, 163-pound Rabbit back, swept right end on a double reverse to a touchdown. Moody converted.

In the third period, Pershing Norris fumbled Cecil Franklin's punt on the Wilberforce 13, and Gerald Brown recovered for Morris Brown. Moody went over in one smashing plunge.

Jenkins struck with a lightning thrust in the fourth, when he took Schnebly's punt on his own 35 and darted 65 yards for the third score behind strategic blocking by Willis Griffin, Morris Brown guard.

The Atlanta team dominated play throughout the contest, hovering in scoring territory much of the time. Haywood Settles and William Wysinger, Morris Brown tackles, and Gerald Brown, end, figured prominently in stopping the Ohio attack. Wilberforce's end, Troy Ross, Shelton Bell and Charles Lofton were outstanding defensively.

Wilberforce.	Positions.	Morris Brown.
Bell	L.E.	Gerald Brown
Cornwell	L.T.	Settles
Hoeffman	L.G.	Shepherd
Fuller	Center	Clarence Brown

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

BATTLE IN ALL DIVISIONS FOR TEAM POSITIONS

They'll Be Ready for Foes March 26.

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BY HOWARD BARRY.

Harold Dade of Chicago and Clarence Bradley of Centralia, heavily helmeted and swathed in flannel shirts, let go with a furious exchange of punches in answer to the first bell of Chicago's Intercity Golden Gloves training season yesterday afternoon in the Illinois Athletic club gymnasium.

Under the eyes of Coach Johnny Behr and his assistants, they sparred in dead earnest because it was up to Dade to maintain the prestige of his bantamweight championship and it was up to Bradley to make a good showing in launching his fight for the other 112 pound place on the team which will meet New York in the Stadium on March 26.

The coaches sent nearly all members of the squad thru two rounds of hard sparring in an effort to determine just what kind of condition the boys were in following their layoff since the Golden Gloves finals last week. While one pair was flailing away in the ring, two other youngsters were getting on their gloves and helmets—so as soon as one encounter was over, another began.

They're Fighting for Places.

There's just as much rivalry within the squad as there was in the recently concluded tournament because the places on the Intercity team will be awarded on a competitive basis, depending on just how good the lads look in the next 10 or 12 days of training. The champions, in particular, are on the spot every time they get into the ring because the other boys like nothing better than a chance to force the leader of their division into a tight corner and let him have a few effective rights and lefts.

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Tho some of the boys are a bit overweight following their brief absence from the ring, most of them came back in excellent condition. Jack Haley, for instance, has been out in the open from morning to night every day he's been away. His job takes him into a state forest out in Kansas and there he whacks away at trees or clears trails. Tho he said he didn't have time to do a bit of road work, during the interim, he returned looking and feeling as fit as he did when he pounded his way thru those great semi-finals and final bouts last week to win the featherweight title.

It's Too Cold for Hezzie.

Hezzie Williams, Chicago light heavyweight, doesn't mind road work but he wishes he could do it in the climate he was born in down in Mississippi. When Assistant Coach Pop Howard routed the boys out at 6:45 yesterday morning for a run thru the snow in Washington Park, Hezzie appeared with an overcoat, rubbers and earmuffs. Then he borrowed Pop Howard's gloves and still he was cold.

Tho the personnel of the squad is almost entirely new this year, the boys are rapidly getting to be good friends. Marty Dames has come in from St. Louis with some sleight of hand tricks that have been wowing his teammates during the evenings in the Illinois A. C., where the boys are quartered. Incidentally, Dames' tricks have become a source of expense to a number of persons who are willing to bet that they can outguess him.

It Isn't All Work.

The entire squad will be taken to the ice show in the Stadium this evening. Other entertainment features are planned for them thruout their training period.

They scanned reports of Wednesday night's New York finals, but weren't a bit worried about the prediction of eastern officials that New York's team is so strong this year that Chicago is in for a licking.

Chicago's bantamweight division apparently has something to be concerned about, inasmuch as New York's 112 pounders are headed by a puncher with the wallop of Diogenes Leon.

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Montgomery, Ala.

A.A.U. Colored Mitt Program Here Soon

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The 1941 National A. A. U. semi-finals Southern colored boxers regional will be held for three nights beginning Wednesday at Hornet gymnasium of the State Teachers College here this weekend.

This will be the third year that eliminations for colored boxers have been held in the South, and the first time that the event has been held in Montgomery. The other two meets were held in Atlanta, and Montgomery has been chosen this year because of its more central location.

Some 50 boxers of all eight of the championship weight classes are expected to participate. They will come from states as far west as Texas and as far north as Maryland, as all 14 of the states of the South and Southwest are included in the region. The winner in each of these eight classics will receive a free trip to Boston to compete in the national senior boxing championships of the Amateur Athletic Association at the Boston Garden March 31 and April 1 and 2. Participants will all be registered A. A. U. boys or certified students in college or athletic members of Y. M. C. A. or members of the armed forces of the United States whose amateur standing is certified.

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Seven members of the Bama State boxing team are expected to enter the meet and cop some of the coveted places for the home school at the Boston meet. They have been hard at work for the past several weeks now under the exacting tutelage of Dave Albritton, boxing coach, and are in excellent condition.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Ballard Plays Hudson Team For City Title

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The local Negro high school basketball teams will compete for city championshops in the City Auditorium tonight as they engage in their annual basketball classic.

Over a period of years there has been strong rivalry between the Hudson high, local Negro public school, and the Ballard Normal School athletic teams.

Both teams have made enviable records with teams in Central Georgia and indications are that the match between the local teams will prove to be one of the most thrilling games ever witnessed on the auditorium floor.

Of the nine games played by the Hudson team, seven were victories for the Maconites. Ballard's standing has been equally as favorable. In this section of Georgia, the Hudson teams have been rated among Central Georgia's best.

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At the State tournament held at the State College in Savannah, the Ballard boys gained a rating of one of the best trained teams in the state.

The first game will be played by the Ballard and Hudson girls, two fairly matched teams.

Tickets will be sold in the box office for 40 cents. A special section will be reserved for white people. The first game will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

MAR 5 - 1941

Ralph Metcalfe Says Individual Stars Bring Colleges More Fame Than Relay Teams; Advocates National Track Meet

A national intercollegiate track and field carnival, with emphasis on individual rater than team performance, is the dream of Ralph Metcalfe, track coach at Xavier University and hero of the 1932 and 1936 Olympics in which he was a sensational performer in the flat races.

"The SIAC, CIAA, Midwestern, and Southwestern conferences have their respective championships," said the famous Marquette University graduate, "but what the Negro institutions need is a big national meet in which their crack individual specialists may compete. Strange as it may seem, a single winner in a particular event will bring the boy's college, his particular section of the country, and even his entire race more recognition and credit than any relay team. Of this, I am positive.

"Hampton Institute has her crack mile relay combination, but George H. Williams brought her more fame with his phenomenal javelin throwing. Tuskegee's relay teams have been uniformly good, but Tuskegee is famous in track in the eyes of the world for but one reason—Mozel Ellerbe."

Metcalfe, resuming eating of his breakfast at the college grill at Tuskegee Institute Sunday morning, following the finals of the SIAC basketball tournament the night before, told the column what all Negro colleges need to do is put more emphasis on individual events. They are the ones which, ultimately, bring universal recognition.

Jesse Owens, Eddie Tolan, Cornelius Johnson, DeHart Hubbard, Ben Johnson, Herbert Thompson, John Borican, Barney Ewell, Mozel Ellerbe, and a flock of other specialists have become more famous than any relay team in history, regardless to race, it was stated by the Xavier track mentor.

"When I advocate a national intercollegiate track and field meet," explained Metcalfe, "I am primarily concerned with development of the best individual performers in the Negro colleges with a view toward future participation and success in the major white meets of the United States and, of course, ultimately the Olympic Games.

"I felt at the winter meeting of the SIAC the proposal for a national intercollegiate basketball tournament was a grand idea. But I thought—and still think—a national intercollegiate track and field carnival would be even more far-reaching in its ultimate results.

"Such a meet could be invitational with any college in any one of the four major conferences volunteering as host from year to year. Hosts could be arranged on an advance three or five year plan. The star athletes of the various conferences would be the only competitors invited. The level of competition would be phenomenally high. Records would fall like hail with the years. Negro athletes would continue to dominate individual events in the future as they have done in the past, especially in the flat races, broad jump, and high jump. The national intercollegiate track and field meet would be an indispensable 'feeder' for United States Olympic teams."

Mr. Metcalfe's "brainchild" looks like the real McCoy to this corner and it looks forward eagerly to the day when some institution in one of the four major conferences, or else one of the loops itself, will undertake the role of host and sponsor a national intercollegiate track and field championships.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Police Rule on The Campus

MAR 13 1941

• The wave of hysteria fomented by the Rapp-Coudert Committee is leading to the introduction of police rule in the classrooms. No less than the organized teachers, students are finding their democratic rights and freedom assaulted by what appears to be a united front between the government authorities and reactionary school officials.

Seven Negro and white students of New York University have been suspended until June for the "crime" of opposing a shameful discriminatory ban against the Negro co-captain of the track team, who was barred from participating with his team in a track meet in Washington Monday.

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Whose action was subversive—that of the students who upheld the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments or that of the NYU officials who penalized them? Since when did it become a crime to uphold the citizenship of the Negro people in a supposedly democratic institution of learning?

On the heels of this, the Committee for the Defense of Student Rights and other youth organizations have found it necessary to protest vigorously an apparently true newspaper report that Mayor LaGuardia's subordinates the red-hunt squad, photographed every student who picketed the Rapp-Coudert hearings at the county court-house the other day. Such terroristic methods are intended to intimidate the growing movement on the campuses for academic freedom and for adequate, democratic schools. They are at the same time an attack on the lawful rights of peaceful picketing, free speech, and on the right of citizens to petition for redress of grievances.

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It is clearly to the interests of labor and all democratic citizens to give unstinted support to the students in their struggle for democracy and academic freedom in the schools.

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Atlanta Negro College Rejects Other Bids For 'Vulcan' Game

Team Plays At Columbus In 'Peach Blossom' Go On December 6

ATLANTA, Nov. 12—(AP)—Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, Wednesday accepted an invitation to play in the New Year's Day "Vulcan Bowl" football game at Birmingham.

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The unbeaten Morris Brown team rejected three other New Year's Day bids to accept the Birmingham offer. They included invitations to play Prairie View, Te.; unbeaten and untied Morgan College, of Baltimore, at Washington, D. C., or in the inaugural "Flower Bowl" game at Jacksonville, Fla.

Morris Brown last January claimed the Negro national collegiate title after defeating Wilberforce University at Birmingham in an inaugural New Year's Day game called the "Steel Bowl."

A change of sponsorship this year also changed the name of the post-season contest to "Vulcan Bowl." Proceeds from the game will go to the benefit of the Negro Y. M. C. A. at Birmingham.

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In extending the invitation of Morris Brown, the sponsors also asked Athletic Director A. J. Lockhart to assist in selecting an opponent.

Morris Brown will meet North Carolina College Dec. 6 at Columbus, Ga., for the third renewal of the "Peach Blossom" post season contest there.

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Negro athletes have previously competed in the city of Washington with white athletes. Henry Armstrong is an example of this. MAR 7 1941

I therefore feel that the athletic board and authorities of New York University and all other athletic organizations involved should insist that Catholic University, Washington A.A. and other track promoters abolish their Jim Crow ban and give the Negro athletes their right under this democracy to compete in these meets.

(Signed)
HAROLD BOGROW
Co-Captain NYU Track Team

Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Council for Student Equality
New York University
Washington Square College
Washington Square, N. Y.

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CAROLINA STUDENTS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS FOR COWARD NEGRO ATHLETE TO PLAY HERE BUT N.Y.U. OFFICIALS SAID BAN DUE TO TECHNICALITIES NOT TO JIM CROW POLICY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRACKMEN INDICATES CONSCIOUS DISCRIMINATION POLICY OF N.Y.U. AS SOUTHERN STUDENTS WE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THIS POLICY AND HEARTILY SUPPORT YOUR DEMOCRATIC FIGHT.

CAROLINA GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Were Fighting Track Meet Ban On Negro Stars

Student Leaders Disqualified After Circulating Petitions Calling for End to Discrimination

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Seven courageous NYU students were suspended yesterday by the university administration for circulating petitions calling upon the board of athletic control to halt its Jim Crow policy and send Violet Negro track stars to a meet with Catholic University in Washington, D. C., March 10.

The Mass suspension was the most drastic and reactionary step yet taken by university authorities in their determined efforts to sustain a Jim-Crow sports policy in the face of widespread student opposition.

ALL LEADERS

The suspended students, all campus leaders, include: Guy Stoute, chairman of the Council for Student Equality, which led the fight against Jim Crow in the case of Len Bates, football star; Jim Coward, "ineligible" cager, and now in discrimination against George Hagans, Fabian Francis, and Dave Lawyer, Negro runners; Jean Bornstein, president of the Peace Committee; Anita Krieger, president of the ASU; Robert Schoenfeld, president of the YCL; Mervyn Jones; Naomi Blum, Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority; and Evelyn Maisel.

They were elected by authorities from about 30 students circulating petitions at Washington Square College yesterday afternoon while exercising their normal civil rights earlier denied to them by the university.

One of the suspended students, Stoute, was among the group bodily thrown out of the office of Athletic Director Philip O. Badger Tuesday afternoon by Badger while protesting the discrimination against the Negro tracksters.

UP TO COMMITTEE

The suspension means that the students cannot enter university grounds until a final decision in their case, to be made by the NYU disciplinary committee, which can either expel or reinstate them.

Demonstrations of angry students, meeting yesterday, reemphasized the wholehearted opposition of the NYU student body to the cowardly administration Jim Crow policy. Students learned that in this case the "excuse" of the administration for refusing to take Negroes South is "economy." In the instance of Bates, the reason given was Missouri's supposed unwillingness to play against a Negro (exploded by Don Faurot, Tiger coach), while "ineligibility" of Coward was offered as this fall's excuse for NYU's ever-recurring discrimination. MAR 7 1941

Professor Badger's sudden "economy" plaint was shattered by the Council for Student Equality, which offered to pay the expense of transporting Negro stars to the meet. Badger refused, called the students "liars," and then attack them physically when they saw him Tuesday.

Backing up the Council for Student Equality and other undergraduate organizations in the fight are such groups as the Washington Square College Day Organization the WSC evening division student council, and a North Carolina University student group. Harold Bogrow, co-captain of the track team, hit NYU's Jim Crow policy in a letter printed on this page. More than 700 students signed petitions in a few hours before the right to circulate them was withdrawn by the NYU administration.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Negro Boys Club Boxers Lead In Meet

MAR 27 1941

Third Annual State Ring Tourney Is Under Way At Smithfield Auditorium

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With Negro Boys Club youngsters leading the way, the third annual Alabama Negro amateur ring tournament got under way Wednesday night at Smithfield Auditorium.

Action was seen in four divisions Wednesday night, but on the schedule for Thursday night at 8 o'clock will be all classes except heavyweights. The big boys will not battle until Friday night in the finals.

Several wild battles were staged during the program of battles.

A match between Charles Smith, of Titusville "Y," and Clarence Rose, of Smithfield Court, was a great mill in the 126-pound sector. Smith won on points.

The bloodiest of the night was the one in which William Jenkins, of Boys Club, won on a technical kayo from Oscar Dale, of Powderly.

William Burwell, Herbert Ernest Crawford and Alvin McCoy, all Boys Club ringsters, won on technical knockouts in the first round.

The tournament started off in fine style with Bill Moore and E. Q. Adams doing a good job of handling various details to keep the show going. MAR 27 1941

Dr. H. G. Claybourn and W. J. Jackson served as judges, while Charlie Harvey, G. F. Day and Doyle Martin refereed.

112-Pound Division

Albert Easter, Smithfield, decisioned Andrew Hall, Brighton.

Peter James Wren, Louis School, outpointed Robert Noble, Earlman School.

William Croft, Louis School, defeated Norman Horton, Hooper City School.

126-Pound Division

Charles Smith, Titusville "Y" defeated Clarence Rose, Smithfield.

William Burwell, Negro Boys Club, won on a t.k.o. first round, from William Horton, Miles Memorial College.

Earl Coker, Boys Club, decisioned Tommie James Peoples, Tuggle.

Charles Burkett won on a forfeit from Isiah Bibb.

135-Pound Division

James Williams, Southside, outpointed James Crosby, Powderly.

William Mapps, Negro Boys Club, won on a forfeit from John Godwin.

Herbert Ernest Crawford, Negro Boys Club, won on t.k.o. first round, from Lee Andrew Horn, Bethlehem House.

William Jenkins, Boys Club, won on t.k.o. second round, from Oscar Dale, Powderly.

147-Pound Class

Henderson Howard, Southside Y.M.C.A., won kayo first round over John Byner, Pratt City.

Lovell Williams, Negro Boys Club, decisioned James Morgan, Ensley.

James Jackson, Boys Club, knocked out Richard Smith, Parker High, second.

Alvin McCoy, Negro Boys Club, won on t.k.o. first round, over Eddie Billups, North Birmingham Boys Club.

Local Vulcan Bowl Committee Will Assist S.I.A.C. In Annual Bowl Game

After several months of deliberation, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, in a special session with the local Vulcan Bowl Committee Sunday, November 2, at Central YMCA, set up machinery necessary to furtherance of an annual bowl game in Birmingham New Year's Day.

The conference, "because of its interest in the civic project being undertaken by some of the progressive Negro citizens of Birmingham" assumed larger responsibility for the game, and took definite steps to assure success for the venture.

While intimate details are not available for publication, it is understood that al concerned are satisfied over the present arrangement. The administrative or game committee will "assume responsibility for all matters pertaining to the game, expenditures, receipts of money, etc." Selection of suitable participants for the game will be directed by this committee, in conjunction with Southern Conference. The committee will be composed of three SIAC Bowl Committees.

No definite decision is available at the moment concerning the stadium that will be used. However, according to advance notices, Rickwood Field is the more likely spot. Of Rickwood, this may be said; more than 9,000 of the 18,000 seats are sheltered, thereby offering a degree of protection from the elements. Further, the fact that over 80,000 Negroes attended baseball games at Rickwood during the past season, means that the park is well known by Negroes. NOV 7 1941

Although a bit early, teams that appear in line for an invitation are Morris Brown, Florida A & M, and Tuskegee within the SIAC, while Langston, Kentucky State, Texas College, North Carolina State and Morgan appear as possible visitors.

There made a question of competitive bidding for these teams by other "bowls"; however, there will be only one Negro bowl game in Birmingham, that being the Vulcan Bowl Game.

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Atlanta, Georgia

SPORTS SLANTS

By 'MELANCHOLY' JONES

Walter H. Smith, Arch Atlanta Sportsman, Ex-World War Hero, Turns Up With Spicy Yarn Anent UCLA's Newest Negro Star

CASHIER WALTER H. SMITH of the Atlanta Life Insurance Co. is one of the keenest sports fans in the Gate City. For years, he has kept an eagle eye on the football firmament. He is an avid Joe Louis disciple. The well known insurance official, an ex-World War hero, may be expected to be conversant on anything sportive. Next to thumping out classical melodies on the piano, sports are the hobby of the eligible bachelor.

It was Walter Smith who called the attention of this column to a magnificent tribute paid Clarence Mackey, sensational Negro halfback of the University of California at Los Angeles. Knowing Mr. Smith to be a very keen sports fan, an official of the Atlanta Life who witnessed the game sent him a clipped copy of the story of the UCLA-Montana clash Friday night, October 10, in Los Angeles. Mackey was spectacular in that encounter.

But to get a real emotional experience from the brilliant engagement, read the lead paragraphs below, which were extracted from the main sports page headline yarn by Al Wolf, one of the coast's most able football writers:

"Move over, Kenny Washington, Woody Strode, and Jackie Robinson—you colored boys who made football history at UCLA. Move over to make room for Clarence Mackey, who last night put in his bid for gridiron immortality out Westwood way.

"Clarence is not a marvelous passer or a rugged defender like you, Kenny. He's not a lanky pass snatcher like you, Woody. He's not a zigzag shocker like you, Jackie. Clarence just picks 'em up and puts 'em down without frills or trimmings but gets there just the same.

"He got into the end zone twice at the Coliseum last night to give UCLA both its touchdowns in a 14-7 triumph over an outclassed but scrappy Montana crowd that threw a pretty good scare into the Bruins before absorbing its first defeat of the season.

"Mackey is a newcomer to UCLAN ranks, having transferred from Compton Junior College last spring after prepping at Jordan High, but he looked like an old hand at that touchdown business before the 20,000 citizens who looked down on the doings in the dew-drenched Coliseum last evening.

"Both his tallies, made on the same play, a swing at right end after taking a "handout" from Quarterback Bob Waterfield, were personal triumphs. For in each case, Mackey had to call on sheer speed to keep from being trapped for losses—and then had to summon up an extra burst to outrun the secondary. And that's just what he did to tally standing up both times.

"It's a good thing Mr. Mackey was in a traveling mood, too, for the Bruins just couldn't get going, although threatening at all times to explode all over the premises."

All told, Mackey made 51 yards from scrimmage against Montana—carrying the pigskin but seven times for an average of 6.58 yards per trip with the ball, not forgetting two of his dashes were for touchdowns.

Montana had a Negro star herself—pass throwing Johnny Reagan. But Reagan was no such headache as Mackey. His amazing performance has won Mackey two brand new fans—Walter H. Smith and your columnist. Others will be legion if he keeps up his "sweet swinging" around the enemy tackles and terminals.

Hosts of intensely interested folk have ferreted out this observer's opinion as to the strongest features of the Florida football team. Lest this question become an avalance ere the week is out, the following "tip" is given out—absolutely free.

Florida has a 40-man varsity on which every player listed is a creditable performer. It is obvious the squad is a handpicked affair.

But what is more, Florida is one of the best balanced teams in the country. It has the greatest rush line since Bill Bell came to Famcee. It has one of the most impressive pass defenses this observer has lamped all season and, as is to be expected, its defense against spirals consists simply of grabbing every one in sight and hauling it back into enemy territory. The Men in Orange seemed to have a sixth sense of anticipation against Kentucky State. The players may have been just that smart individually, but, to these eyes, it looked like a case of expert scouting by H. N. (Buck) Neilson, the new addition to the mentorial staff, who jotted a ream of notes on Henry Arthur Kean's men as he (Neilson) held espionage over the Thorobreds' game with Morehouse.

Florida's strength? . . . Chiefly her great line, her superb pass defense. And last, but as important as anything . . . blocking. That Florida team clears an obstruction with a purpose. As for grounding enemy runners, those Florida boys tackle "for keeps"!

You will be surprised to learn that Florida has weaknesses. But so has Morris Brown. These may or may not crop out in Saturday's game.

. . . Morris Brown's strength, chiefly, you already know. A devastating offense, a versatile and aggressive rush line, and a pair of the country's finest running backs in Moody and Jenkins, not forgetting one of the great natural ball players of Negro football in Joe Mitchell. Morris Brown or Florida may win. But to do so, both will have to play up front where the ball game is!

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

HARLEM FIGHTER STILL UNBEATEN

Robinson Scores With Long-Range Blows to Whip Zivic in 10-Rounder at Garden

VICTOR GAINS EDGE EARLY

Both Come Close to Hitting Canvas—Mancini Outpoints Peralta—Beau Jack Wins

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Ray Robinson is still the proud possessor of a ring record that contains nothing but victory. The speedy young welterweight from Harlem scored the most important triumph of his short career last night when he decisively defeated the former 147-pound champion, Fritzie Zivic, in a ten-round clash at Madison Square Garden.

Pacing himself nicely, and refraining from being drawn into the trap that the vastly more experienced Zivic tried to set for him, the Harlem youngster kept the fighting at long range as much as he could, and succeeded well enough to earn the unanimous vote of Referee Arthur Susskind and Judges Bob Cunningham and Bill Healey. The fight, Robinson's twenty-sixth as a professional, also marked his twenty-sixth winning effort.

A crowd of 20,551 fans, one of the largest in the history of the Garden, witnessed the battle, which contained more than a fair share of thrills. Although there were no knockdowns, each fighter, at one time or another, was close to hitting the canvas.

Robinson 5-8 Favorite

Robinson, the 5-to-8 favorite, had more than a little trouble with the ex-welterweight king. Zivic, off to a bad start that saw him in difficulties frequently through the first five rounds, seemed to find himself in the sixth and seventh,

and in those frames subjected the Negro warrior to considerable punishment about the head.

But Robinson proved sturdy, took these punches without flinching, and came back to have Fritzie wobbly in the ninth.

It was clearly Zivic's intention when the battle began, to draw Robinson into close quarters and keep him there, hoping to wear the youngster down with a body attack. But the latter was wary and elected to remain far away, depending on his long left and speedy right to earn him points.

In the first two rounds Zivic was so intent on getting close to his foe that he fired few punches of any consequence, while Robinson sent a steady stream of lefts to the head as he backed away. In the third Zivic managed to close in. But Robinson met that situation by holding tenaciously, so much so, in fact, that Zivic almost wrestled him to the canvas.

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The confident Robinson traded with Fritzie in the fourth, to his own advantage, and in the fifth landed a right uppercut that rendered the ex-champion glassy-eyed. Zivic had to hold until the effect of the blow passed.

The the Pittsburgh warrior launched a counter attack that made Ray retreat. In the sixth a long, hard right to the jaw almost sent the local boy to the floor. In the seventh, too, Zivic was in complete command. Again he reached Ray with his hard right, and again Ray quivered. But he managed to weather the storm.

He came out strong for the eighth and punished Fritzie with a steady right-hand attack. In the ninth Robinson made the ex-titleholder retreat, but Zivic had a silght edge in the tenth.

The winner weighed 139¼ pounds, Zivic 145 3-5.

Robinson declared, after the battle, that he would like the chance to meet Freddie (Red) Cochrane for the latter's welterweight championship. He also said he would not mind giving Zivic a return bout if promoter Mike Jacobs thought a rematch was in order.

Loser Praises His Foe

The defeated boxer praised his conqueror, but felt that he would have won over a longer route. Zivic went on record as predicting that Robinson would have an easy task with Cochrane.

The receipts amounted to $61,651.

Lenny Mancini, Youngstown lightweight, received the decision over Joe Peralta of Douglas, Ariz., in the eight-round semi-final. The pair waged a willing enough struggle, but most of the action was confined to close quarters, with the result that the crowd called for action frequently.

Mancini's faster punching and skill in evading his rival's counters earned him the award, which was not generally acclaimed. Each boxer weighed 136½ pounds.

Beau Jack, fast-punching lightweight from Springfield, Mass., received the decision over Guillermo Puentes of Santiago, Chile, in an eight-round clash. The winner scored often with long rights to the head. He scaled 135 pounds, Puentes 130¼.

Frankie Rubino, 125½, Brooklyn, stopped Georgie Coyle of the United States Army in a scheduled four-rounder. Rubino halted his opponent in 1:56 of the final session, when the referee intervened to spare Coyle. The winner scaled 125½ and Coyle 127.

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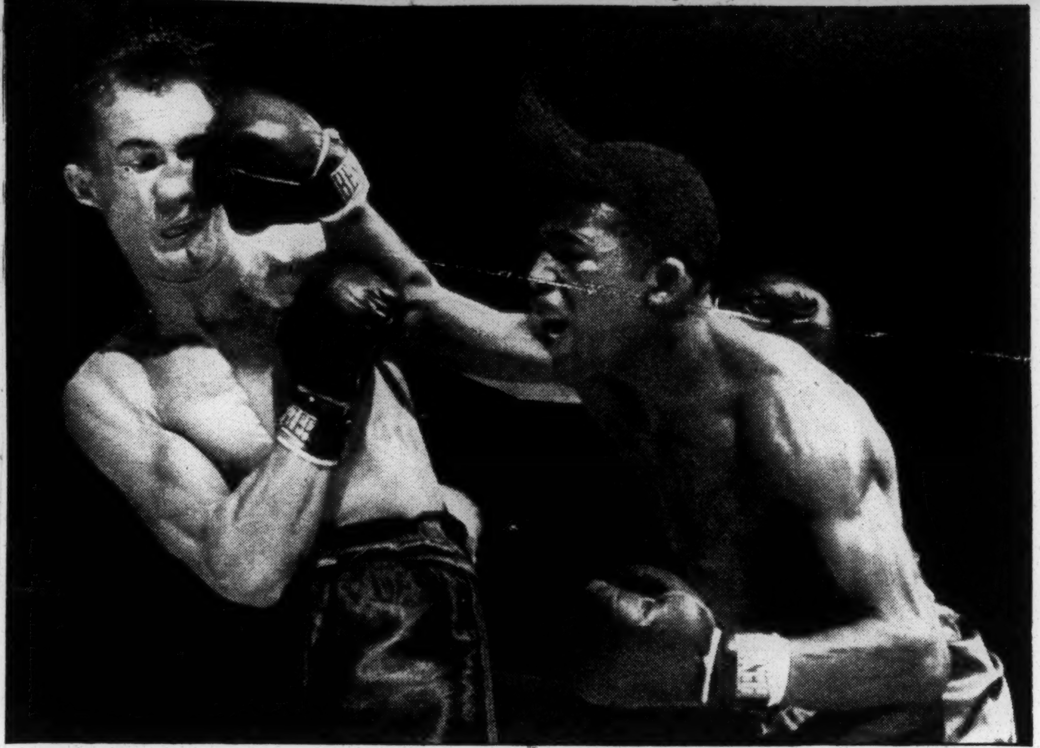
In a four-round contest Randy Brown, 148½, Mount Vernon, outpointed Rocky Lucciano, 152¼, Harrisburg, Pa.

The four-round opener was won by Ruby Garcia, 127½, of Puerto Rico. He outpointed Frankie Gardea, 129¼, Los Angeles.



International

Zivic & "Sugar"
He would rather dance than eat.

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Time
Chicago, Illinois

Boogie-Woogie Bomber

The sporting press has found a "little Joe Louis," lightweight Ray Robinson. Young Robinson, a Harlem "hep-cat" just a half-inch under six feet tall, is neither little nor does he bear much resemblance to the world's heavyweight champion. But the way the skinny 139-pounder brushed off onetime Welterweight Champion Fritzie Zivic—steel-tough, ring-wise and seven pounds heavier—in a ten-round match at Manhattan's Madison Square Garden last week showed that another Negro was punching his way into ring history. In 115 fights, amateur and professional, Robinson has never been licked.

Ray Robinson, born Walker Smith, first saw a pair of boxing gloves at the Brewster St. Recreation Center in his native Detroit, where, up to the time he was eight when his family moved to Harlem, he used to hang around watching Amateur Joe Louis and local big shots. He never laced on a glove until he was 13—and then only because he was urged to by Trainer George Gainford, who ran a gym in Harlem.

Bursting with rhythm, Ray really wanted to be a tap dancer like Bill Robinson. He used to sneak into Harlem's hot spots to watch his favorites tap, picked up show money by doing the Lindy Hop (between cheese-it-the-cops) on Broadway street corners at theater time. Bill Robinson is still Ray's idol.

It so happens that Robinson is also the name that he took when he entered New York's Golden Gloves tournament two years ago.

A year ago, Robinson fought his first professional fight on the preliminary card at Madison Square Garden the night Fritzie Zivic won the welterweight title from Negro Henry Armstrong. Hammering Henry was Ray's ring hero. When he saw Zivic pound his hero's face into a tomato-red pulp, the kid sobbed: "Some day I'm gonna grow big enough to get even with him for what he did to Hank."

Last week Robinson kept his promise. On his toes like a ballet dancer, he outstepped and outsmarted foxy Fritzie, tantalized him with lightning-quick punches from unexpected angles, landed one in the fifth round that nearly chalked up his 21st knockout in 26 pro fights. The new Negro wonder can hit equally hard with either hand, can throw a punch faster than Joe Louis.

Robinson, known as Sugar among his coffee-colored pals, is a jive artist, cocky, quick-witted, high-strung and footloose. A typical product of Harlem's sidewalks, he loves boogie-woogie, would rather dance than eat. "I can't get that boy to eat enough to keep a flea alive," moans Trainer Gainford. "He lives off hot dogs, ice cream, cake and dancing."

If Sugar can be fattened up to around 145 lb., he should soon be ready to challenge Champion Red Cochrane (now in the Navy) for the world's welterweight title. Robinson's next engagement: a return match with Marty Servo, Nov. 10 in Philadelphia. Servo is one of the three fighters who have lasted ten rounds against the Boogie-Woogie Bomber.

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Scribe Sees Negro College Team as Garden Sensation

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Jimmy Powers Suggests Scheduling of Virginia Union Team to Promoter—Team Trimmed Brooklyn, 1-Point Loser to NYU

Jimmy Powers, sports editor and columist of the Daily News, yesterday suggested to Ned Irish, promoter of Madison Square Garden college basketball. that the Virginia Union College team (a Negro college) would be a sensation in the Garden. Said Powers in his column:

"Virginia Union trimmed Brooklyn College by 16 points after the Brooklyn team lost by only one point to NYU. They'd be a sensation in the Garden, Ned Irish."

While Brooklyn, LIU and St. Francis have already met some of the fine teams from the Negro college conference, none of them has ever appeared in the Garden.

After Virginia Union's defeat of Brooklyn, the Daily Worker quoted well-known Referee Jack Murray, who worked the game, as saying that "Virginia Union could hold its own with any of the teams we see in the Garden. I've seldom seen two better college players than Glover and Campbell."

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In Tuesday's Daily Worker we published prominently a letter from three basketball fans suggesting the start of a campaign to get the Virginia Union team into the post-season tourney at the Garden.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

HERE THEY ARE!

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First Eleven

ENDS: William Horton, Florida
Shelton Bell, Wilberforce

TACKLES: Bill Schnebly, Wilberforce
William Wysinger, Morris Brown

GUARDS: James Stuart, Hampton
Herb Tarwick, Morris Brown

CENTER: U. Jones, Southern.

QUARTERBACK: Wilbur Durham, Morris Brown

HALFBACKS: Fred Cooper, Virginia Union;
Tom Lundy, Alabama State

FULLBACK: John Moody, Morris Brown.

Second Eleven

ENDS: Marks, Prairie View; Sulger, Ala. State.

TACKLES: Street, Langston; D. Harris, Va. State.

GUARDS: Shepard, Morris Brown; Gant, Florida.

CENTER: Summers, Xavier.

QUARTER: Cobb, Virginia State.

BACKS: Castleman, Wilberforce; Willis, Bluefield; Hill, Southern.

Third Eleven

ENDS: Brewster, Bishop; Miller, Alcorn.

TACKLES: Ox Johnson, Wiley; Milton, Bluefield.

GUARDS: Aldridge, Langston; Griffin, Morris Brown.

CENTER: Jon[illegible] Ala. State.

QUARTER: Moore, Tuskegee.

BACKS: McKinnis, Lincoln (Mo.); Jenkins, Morris Brown; Hopkins, Prairie View.

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By FRANK A. (FAY) YOUNG

HERE IS THE CHICAGO DEFENDER'S All-Americans for 1940! It has been a hectic season with upset after upset and this selection has caused numerable headaches and has been changed any number of times as the season neared its end on New Year's day.

I have taken into consideration the fact that one well-played game by any player doesn't stamp him All-American and I have also considered those who have been playing on

Amiable Abe Simon Faces Tough Foe in Cleveland

By LESTER BROMBERG,
Staff Writer.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 20.—Abe Simon, Richmond Hill giant, tonight goes to the post in the Arena here against Lem Franklin, powerful punching Chicago Negro, in a scheduled 10-round event—and everyone who wishes well to the amiable Abe has his heart in his mouth.

The reason is that Simon gets his hardest fights from Negro opponents, in spite of the fact that he made a highly impressive showing when he met the one who happens to be the world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis.

In their clash last March at Detroit, Simon survived several knockdowns to be on his feet when the fight was stopped in the 13th.

Simon's ambition is to obtain a second bout with Louis in Madison Square Garden this winter. This match would hinge, of course, on a furlough being granted Louis if he is inducted into the Army in mid-November, as reported likely. That's another question, though.

Right now we're worrying for Simon. He almost was shoved out of the original Louis match when he dropped a decision to Big Jim Thompson in Baltimore. A few weeks ago on the Pacific Coast Abe had a tough time with Turkey Thompson, the bout being called a draw.

Franklin already holds one verdict over the big Jewish lad. He beat Abe in a six-round fight at the Chicago Stadium a few years ago on a card topped by Jimmy Johnston's other heavyweight, Bob Pastor, who, incidentally, is meeting Johnny Flynn tonight at Newark.

Franklin is all the rage here. In his last start he knocked Tony Musto cold in three rounds. Louis disposed of Musto in nine at St. Louis, but Tony was quoted after the Cleveland fight as saying that he "took a worse beating from Franklin than Louis."

Simon, who probably outweighs his foe by 50 pounds, 255 to 205, is undoubtedly a better boxer than Franklin, but lacks a wallop to match Lem's right hand. Franklin is an 8 to 5 favorite.

The Midwesterner is managed by Jack Hurley, personable and familiar boxing figure, who is remembered as the pilot of Billy Petrolle.

Franklin's appearance in the spotlight recalls the time Hurley had Charley Retzlaff, a rawboned heavyweight from Duluth, Minn. Retzlaff could throw a pretty fair right hand and Hurley moved him along smartly.

A group of wealthy New Yorkers became interested in Retzlaff and sent Jimmy Bronson on a scouting trip to see if his contract was worth buying. They had put together a purse of $50,000 for that purpose. Bronson looked Retzlaff over and said: "No."

Charley continued winning, however, and the group thought Bronson had guessed wrong. Finally Joe Sekyra gave Retzlaff a decisive beating in New York that burst his bubble and the would-be buyers were glad they kept their money.

However Simon fares tonight he and Manager Johnston are being well paid. They're receiving 35 per cent of a gate that Promoters Bob Brickman and Ben Goetz think will net better than $20,000.

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New York, N. Y.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

I Cover THE EASTERN FRONT

By EDDIE GANT..

Va. Union Quint Praised

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Union university's recent basketball victory over Brooklyn college, white, of Brooklyn, N. Y., certainly should rate the Panthers a position in the annual metropolitan court championship provided, of course, the Richmond quintet continues to dominate the C.I.A.A. this season.

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The win, achieved by a 54-38 score, was quite impressive, particularly inasmuch as Brooklyn was riding on a victory streak, spoiled only by a one-point loss to the great New York university team. The N.Y.U. cagers are recognized all over the country as one of the best basketball fives in collegiate circles, and when Brooklyn outplayed them for 39 minutes only to lose in the final 60 seconds, the Kingsmen really went high in the opinion of metropolitan basketball scribes.

A contemporary sportswriter recently pointed out the value of the Panthers to the Richmond institution and the team is all that has been said of it. Its Brooklyn victory, like its numerous other triumphs, attracted attention. Jimmy Powers, one of the foremost daily paper sports editor in New York, gave the team a line in his "Powerhouse" column last week. Although it was only a line, it carried plenty of significance and may help colored scribes and others who have been seeking admission of the Panthers in the big Garden tournament in March.

Powers stated: "New York U. beat Brooklyn by one point; Virginia Union, a colored team of Richmond, Va., defeated Brooklyn by 16 points; they would be a sensation in the Garden." The line was directed to the attention of Ned Irish, promoter of the Madison Square Garden games.

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Indoor Track Season

THE INDOOR TRACK season will open Saturday in Boston, and be followed up the next week-end with the Metropolitan A.A.U. championships in New York. The launching of the new board campaign reminds us of what our own stars did last year during the winter track and field events. Jim Herbert, the swift New York university captain of last year, was perhaps the star of the group, with John Woodruff, the former Pitt ace, who is now doing graduate work in New York right on his heels. John Borican, of course, stayed in the spotlight.

Just as a reminder, let us cite the best of Herbert's achievements. The Violet track sensation ran two races and helped create four indoor marks into the books in one big night up at Hanover, N. H., on the famous Dartmouth track. He set up marks for the 400-meter and 440-yard run in a single test against stop watches and later anchored a Violet foursome which shattered simultaneously the world's 1,600-meter and one-mile relay marks on the Dartmouth oval.

We don't know what Herbert is planning to do this season. He won't be a member of the Violet team because he is out of school, but we hope that he does some indoor competing, as Herbert is really one of the best indoor competitors it has been our privilege to watch. The 600-yard run is his specialty and we'll be pulling for him, if the old Violet flash comes out for competition.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

BIG JOHN SMASHES '600' YARD RECORD

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NEW YORK, Mar. 13—John Borican, out to fulfill his promise to establish new records in two of track's most gruelling events last Saturday night, almost made good his seeming boast when he hung up a new world's indoor mark in the 600-yard run, and, about an hour later, came right back to turn in the third fastest 1,000-yard race ever run, before some 14,500 wildly-cheering fans in Madison Square Garden at the Knights of Columbus meet.

TAKES LEAD AT START

When the starter's gun barked for the Casey 600, Borican, heart set on winning, shot to the front of the five-man field and never relinquished his lead. He won in a breeze, finishing about 12 yards ahead of Charley Beetham, white who beat Borican two years ago at this distance. A mighty cheer arose when it was announced that Borican actually had created a new world's indoor record. The time was 1 minute 10.2 seconds.

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Borican, returning to the track about an hour later to defend his national championship emblem in the 1,000-yard contest, received one of the greatest ovations ever accorded an athlete, when he decisively stood off the challenge of the crack field and drove his piston-like legs down the homestretch, emerging a winner for the second time during the evening. His time was 2 minutes 10.3 seconds.

THOMPSON WINS

Herbert Thompson, exhibiting a terrific burst of speed, tied Jesse Owens' seven-year-old record for the 60-yard dash, when he flashed across the finish line in 6.2 seconds. Thompson, who is the national indoor champion, nosed out Mozelle Elerbe by about two feet.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

AN OPEN COMPETITION

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ANYONE WHO THINKS the Negro is inherently inferior to the Nordic races might do well to study some sports statistics, especially in boxing. A decade ago the New York Daily News and Chicago Tribune conceived the idea of promoting amateur boxing as a means of increasing circulation. Thus the Golden Gloves were started with open competition to all amateur boxers without regard to race, color or creed.

Since the first Golden Gloves Tourney, no less than fifty percent of the boxers developed have been Negro contestants, including the present world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, who turned professional after winning the Golden Gloves tournament in Detroit back in 1933.

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Other newspapers have joined the Daily News and Chicago Tribune in these tournaments so that the competition has become national and each year more and more Negroes have taken the honors. In New York, this year seven of the eight champions crowned were of the colored race and in Chicago six Negroes reached the semi-finals.

The Hearst publications conduct a similar amateur boxing tournament in the fall, known as the Diamond Belt Tourney, and the results have been equally favorable to the Negro contestants.

While the winning of a sport competition may not mean much in itself, it proves that where the competition is open to all without any racial discrimination, that Negroes can not only measure up to the standards of other racial groups but that they often excel.

Perhaps that is one of the reasons why organized baseball and industrial organizations either bar Negroes or put up such obstacles against fair competition that the Negro is kept out. If the same standards prevailed in the business world as obtain in amateur boxing, as is evidenced by the Golden Gloves, we are sure that many of the ills we now complain of would fast disappear.

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Washington, D. C.

Hoyas' Doolan Finishes Fourth in Penn Relay 100

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Bill Doolan (third from left), Georgetown University's crack dash man, was forced to breathe the dust of three other sprinters at the finish of the Penn Relays' 100-yard dash yesterday. Welby Williams (right), of North Texas State, won the event in 0:9.8. The other front runners (left to right) are Bill Carter, of Pitt, third, and Barney Ewell, of Penn State, second

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Sam Pierce, Lem Bates Top List Of Sepia Aces In White Colleges

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NEW YORK, N. Y.—(NNS)—The increasing number of Negro players on the college gridiron this year is tangible proof of the rapid decline of discrimination in the sport. Heretofore only sensational Negro players were given even a look-in on college teams and when his team played a southern school no matter how sensational he was "in deference" to the southern school the Negro player was benched. When Texas A. & M. played N. Y. U. at the Yankee Stadium a few Saturdays ago, Len Bates, fullback star, was in the thick of the game carrying the ball for the New York school and at the end of the game was paid glowing tribute for the calibre of his play by the southern boys.

Sam R. Pierce, Cornell University halfback became the first Negro in 96 years to play against Navy when the Bid Red team recently tackled the Middies at Annapolis, Maryland. Pierce almost got away for a long gain and took part in carrying the ball on several Cornell running plays.

Only last summer Admiral Wilson, head of the Naval Academy, in the controversy with Harvard University over the question of allowing Lucien Alexis, Jr., to play in a lacrosse game against the Middies, pointed out that the Navy had never played against a Negro in any part in its 96 years of athletic competition and never intended to do so.

Decline of this prejudice on the football field augurs well for the future Negro baseball, basketball track and stars in other sports who have been kept in the background by schools that wanted to appease their southern rivals.

Following is a partial list of Negro college stars who will be seeing service on the gridiron this year.

Charles Thomas, Boston Halfback, Senior; Howard Mitchell, Boston End, Junior; Charles Bentley Brown Fullback, Sophomore; Ray Guild, Harvard Fullback, Junior; Samuel Pierce, Cornell Halfback Sophomore; Charles Robinson, Cornell Halfback, Sophomore. Leonard Bates, New York Fullback, Junior; Bert Piggott, Illinois, Halfback, Junior; Charles Anderson, Ohio State End, Senior; Jim Walker, Iowa Tackle, Senior; Danny Williams, Northwestern Halfback, Soph; Charles Warren, Northwestern Halfback, Junior; Julius Franks, Michigan State Guard, Sophomore, Hugh Davis, Michigan State Halfback, Sophomore; Robert Nash, Toledo Halfback, Senior; Willis Bray Toledo End, Senior; James Reese, Toledo Halfback, Junior; Eddie May, Beloit Halfback, Senior; John Willis Fuffback, Sophomore; Baldwin, Wallace, Sam Carpenter, Wayne Halfback, Sophomore. Willard Cushingberry, Drake Tackle, Senior; Clifford Loveday, Drake Halfback, Sophomore; John Reagan, Montana State Halfback, Junior; Marion Motley, Nevada Halfback, Junior; Raymond Freeman, Nevada Halfback, Sophomore; Ben Anderson, Nevada End, Sophomore; Walter Gordon, Jr., California Halfback, Jr.. Clarence Mackey, U. C. L. A. Halfback,

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THE ROUND UP:

Paige at Stadium Sunday; Ken Has Precedent vs. Soose

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Great Negro Ace Here for 1st Time in Four Years; More on Cleveland 'Crybabies'; CCNY Aims for Track Laurels

The greatest baseball pitcher in the world will take the mound at the Yankee Stadium this Sunday—but he won't be wearing a Major League uniform.

Leroy "Satchel" Paige, spindly, long-armed Negro whom many big leagues and managers have proclaimed the best ever, will hurl for the Black Yankees in an opening Ruppert Memorial Cup doubleheader against the Philadelphia Stars.

Diamond magnates won't let Satchel and other Negro stars play in the Majors, of course, because they're maintaining jim-crow bars in the face of national resentment.

Although Satchel is under contract to Kansas City in the Negro American League, he has refused to report and recently returned from a winter's stay in Mexico and Puerto Rico. The great speedball artist has to earn his living by barnstorming all over the hemisphere.

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An alert Daily Worker reader in Syracuse sends us a sports column written by Lawrence J. Skiddy, appearing in the Syracuse Herald-Journal, which repeats the usual stale slanders against the Cleveland Indians.

To cap his comments about the "Cry-babies," the Syracuse writer complained that the players "didn't give Vitt a battle, verbally or otherwise." (!)

As most fans understood it, it was the fact that the players DID stand up to Vitt that angered the sports writers. That's why they dubbed Feller at. al. "Cry-babies."

The real "Cry-babies" have been sportswriters such as Skiddy, who continue to attack the players for standing up for their rights.

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If Ken Overlin defeats Billy Soose Friday night, it won't be the first time a champion defeated in an overweight match comes back to defeat his conqueror when his title is on the line.

Soose eked out a disputed decision over the 160-pound ruler last summer in a non-title bout at Scranton. Billy is favored at 7-5 to do it again, and more convincingly—for the crown. But if precedent means anything, Overlin can point to the deeds of such champs as Lou Ambers, Sixto Escobar, and Lou Salica.

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Defeated by Pedro Montanez in an over-the-weight match, Ambers licked him in a title match. Sixto Escobar, hammered by Indian Quintana, kayoed his foe in a round in a return go. And Lou Salica, present bantamweight ruler, topped Lew Transperenti last week after bowing to him several months ago in Baltimore.

Overlin has precedent on his side.

But Soose has youth, speed, and a punch.

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TRACK NOTES: One of the best CCNY track teams since George Bullwinkle led the Beavers ten years ago will enter the annual Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships this Saturday in Randal's Island Stadium. The Beavers are depending for points on Co-Capt. Dave Polansky (mile), Cliff Goldstein (two-mile), and Bob Mangum (high jump). Three reliable dash men are Co-Capt. Dick DiMartino, Bill Lavori and Don Livingston.

Polansky says he doesn't expect to outrun Les MacMitchell, but he hopes to be close behind him!

Fordham and NYU, which together with Manhattan are best bets for the title, will battle it out in a dual meet at Ohio Field this afternoon. NYU is favored to defeat the Rams.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Sweetwater Lew Beaten By Sepia Bob Montgomery

NEW YORK—(S N S)—Sweet swinging Lew Jenkins, the Sweetwater, Texas socker, who holds the world lightweight boxing crown, won a disputed decision over Bob Montgomery, sensational young Negro pugilist billed as "Philadelphia's Henry Armstrong" because of his windmill style of attack, eight months ago in the Quaker City.

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But there wasn't an ounce of doubt in the minds of a single member of the howling throng of 14,500 cash customers at Friday night's 10-round overweight affair in Madison Square that, in Montgomery, Jenkins found his master.

MONTGOMERY, YOUNGER

Twenty-three-year-old Montgomery, also known popularly as "Bob Armstrong" for stated reasons, entered the ring at 136 1-2 pounds. Jenkins scaled 135. He is 26. Both battlers are married.

Not interesting in Jenkins' lightweight title but primarily concerned with the class just above, Montgomery made it known in advance that if he tamed the Texas slugger he would demand a chance at Welterweight Champion Fritzi Zivic's crown. He has it in his head to avenge the 15- round decision and subsequent return 12-round technical knockout Zivic scored over game little Henry Armstrong, his No. 1 ring idol.

MARKS UP CHAMPION

Friday night, Montgomery, a sensational infighter, carried the fight to Jenkins and bloodied his nose, nearly closed his left eye, chopped up his left ear, and did so thorough a road-map job on the features of the Nordic battler that, in the end, his face resembled a gargoyle.

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Starting with a rush and then lacking the stamina to keep up the blinding pace he set for himself, Jenkins was holding on and clinching badly as early as the third when Montgomery jolted him with a straight right to the jaw

SCORES KNOCKDOWN IN 9TH

Montgomery kept up his deadly infighting, whittling down Jenkins' affectiveness with rights to the ribs and lefts to various parts of the body Three seconds before the seventh closed, Montgomery staggered hsi man with a stunning right to the jaw.

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Jenkins was knocked to the canvas for a count of one in the ninth canto.

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Atlanta, Georgia

372nd Infantry At Negro Nat'l League Opening

Members of the 372nd U. S. Infantry from Fort Dix were guests of the management of the Newark Eagles Sunday at Ruppert Stadium in Newark when the Eagles lost a slugfest to the Cuban Stars, 10-7, in the opening game of the Negro National Baseball League. More than 12,000, including many Trentonians, saw the game. Through courtesy of Mrs. Effa Manley, owner of the Newark Eagles and the co-operation of Col. H. C. Gilbert, commanding officer of the 372nd, the soldiers were special guest. The large attendance of men in uniform added a colorful and martial air to the gala event.

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Despite three home runs contributed by the Eagles, Newark fell short in two big innings. The Eagles collected four markers in the first inning and three in the eighth.

EAGLES LOSE 10-7 BEFORE SOLDIERS

Dave Banhill hurled for the Cubans, allowing 11 hits and fanning nine. Banhill contributed a triple and a double. Horacio Martinez led the batting with three hits.

Mayor Ellenstein threw out the first ball, which was presented to him by Lt. Col. Davis, who was in command of the 372nd Infantry from Fort Dix, guest of the Eagles' management.

CUBAN STARS

	ab	r	h	e
Martinez, ss	6	2	3	0
Coimbre, rf	5	1	2	0
Vargas cf	5	1	2	0
H. Blanco, 1b	0	1	0	0
Carreras, 1b	5	0	2	0
C. Blanco, 2b	4	1	1	0
Heredia, 3b	4	3	2	0
Colas, c	5	1	1	0
Blankhill, p	5	0	2	0
TOTALS	39	10	15	0

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NEWARK EAGLES

	ab	r	h	e
Matthews, 1b	5	1	2	1
Israel, 2b	4	0	1	0
Awkard, rf	5	1	1	0
Pearson, 3b	4	2	1	2
Irvin, cf	4	2	3	0
Christopher, lf	4	0	1	0
Riddick, ss	4	1	0	0
Mackey, c	3	0	1	1
Day, p	3	0	1	1
Manning, p	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	37	7	11	4

Cuban Stars	000	310	051—10
Newark Eagles	400	000	039— 7

Two-base hits—Heredia, Banhill. Three base hits—Combre, Vargas, Banhill. Home runs— Matthews, Pearson and Irvin. Struck out—By Banhill 9, Day 6, Manning 2. Bases on balls—Off Day 6, Manning 2. Bases on balls—Off Day 6, Manning 1, Banhill 1. Double plays—Heredia to C. Blanco to H. Blanco to Colas, C. Blanco to H. Blanco, Israel to Riddick to Matthews. Umpires—Turner and Crawford.

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

PAIGE PITCHES—SO MONARCHS AND GIANTS DIVIDE

Satchel Paige gave a crowd of 10,000 in Comiskey park yesterday an exhibition of his skill as he pitched the Kansas City Monarchs to a 2 to 1 victory over the Chicago American Giants in the first game of their Negro American league double header. The Giants won the second game, 7 to 4.

Paige, engaging in a mound duel with Willie Cornelius, held the Chicagoans to six hits. The Monarchs bunched four of their 12 hits off Cornelius for their two runs in the third.

Scores:

Kansas City	002	000	000—2	12	1
Chicago	000	100	000—1	6	1

Batteries—Paige and Greene; Cornelius and Bassett.

SECOND GAME.

Kansas City	031	000	000—4	3	0
Chicago	200	202	01*—7	11	3

Batteries—Smith, Bradley and Green, Duncan; Hudson, Ferrell and Bassett.

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Negro Baseball Recieves Lofty Praise From Noted White Chicago Scrivener

By BOB STANTON
(Chicago Daily News)

Dan Bankhead, sensational young pitching star of the Birmingham Black Barons, first half winners of the Negro American League 1941 schedule, is in Chicago to watch the man he hopes to succeed, pitch for the Kansas City Monarchs tomorrow against the Chicago American Giants at Comiskey Park.

The game will be for the benefit of the Provident Hospital Fund and is scheduled to start at 3 p. m.

In attempting to fill the shoes of Satchel Paige, baseball's greatest Negro pitcher, Bankhead faces a tough assignment, and that's putting it mildly, for Satchel not only is one of the pitching greats of all time, but the possessor of extremely large feet which gave him his nickname.

Three weeks ago, pitching for Birmingham, the team, incidentally, with which Page got his start in baseball, Bankhead who is only 19, beat the Black Yankees 2 to 1 in the Yankee Stadium in New York. Four days later, after a long bus ride to St. Paul, he pitched again and won 3 to 0, allowing only one hit, and that's much in the style of Satchel who is a willing worker as well as an adept one on the mound.

HAS GOOD CONTROL

Like Paige, young Dan's most reliable pitch is a blinding fast ball, and also like Paige, he has exceptional control. Now in only his second season with the Barons he is developing rapidly under the tutelage of his youthful manager Winfield Scott Welch. Bankhead comes of a baseball family, with four brothers playing on Negro teams. Although with his speed and control he's much like the man he some day hopes to succeed, he's an opposite in build. Where Paige is long and lanky, with lengthy, loose jointed arms, Bankhead is shorter and inclined to be stoutish.

With Negro baseball definitely on the upswing in popularity, Dan has a bright future. Greater crowds are turning out for games in the Negro American League and an even larger percentage of whites are drawn to the contests because of the good band of ball played. The percentage of whites at Negro games in the past was 10; now it's double that figure and much of the credit for the increase in popularity goes to Paige, who is as great a gate attraction in Negro ball as Dizzy Dean was in his heyday in the majors.

Walter Briggs Jr. of the Dertoit Tigers has put Negro games in his stadium for the first time this year, and as proof that the contests draw at the gate 28,000 fans paid $31,000 o see a game in Detroit three weeks ago. The Negro All-Star game last month at Comiskey Park drew 50,000 people, with thousands turned away. The gate receipts were about $46,000 and the concession sale was the greatest in the park's history. At Crosley Field in Cincinnati, where Negro baseball is a new venture there have been four crowds of better than 10,000. And on the Fourth of July at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, with Paige on the mound, the gate was $19,178, and wouldn't two major-league teams in Chicago like to do as well?

The aforementioned figures were furnished by Abe Saperstein who handles promotion for the American Giants here as well as games in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis, Terre Haute,

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Drake Has Back And Linesman

OCT 4 1941

DES MOINES, Iowa—(ANP)—Two of Drake's football players this year are colored, Willard Cushingberry, senior tackle, and Clifford Lovelady, brilliant sophomore, left halfback prospect.

Cushingberry, 6 feet tall and 195 pounds in weight, has been a regular the past two years. He comes from Lawrence, Kan. Lovelady, from West Des Moines is 5 feet 9 and weighs 165. He is noted as an exceptional passer, having completed heaves of 70 yards as a freshman.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Three Negroes On Nevada's 11

OCT 4 1941

RENO, Nev.—(ANP)—Although there are only a few Negroes in this state, the University of Nevada lists three colored players on its varsity football squad for the 1941 season. The team plays the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on Dec. 20.

The lineup finds Marion Motley, 21, holding a position with the team as tailback. Motley weighs 210 pounds, and has played varsity football for one year.

Raymond Freeman, 20, formerly of Weber Junior college, is tailback and wingback. Weighing 178 pounds, Freeman is also a member of the track team.

From Yubar Junior college comes Ben Anderson, 19, and weighing 202 pounds. His position is right end.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

'ROBBIE' SCORES 64th K.O.

By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 — Harlem's Ray Robinson seems destined to pick up where the Great Henry Armstrong left off in the lightweight division. After his sensational third round knockout Friday night of Maxie Shapiro, another of New York's best. The Madison Square Garden crowd of 11,945 went away with the conviction that Young Ray is the nearest thing to a lightweight Joe Louis, that the ring has seen since the days of Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler.

When Armstrong was boss in this division, Suicide Hank used to wear 'em down with his two-fisted windmill attack. He would cut 'em up and blind 'em and finally beat 'em to a frazzle with the cumulative savagery of his punches. He was considered a marvel.

All of this is set down merely to emphasize the fact that Ray Robinson is even faster than Hank. Slightly taller and a little more slender, he is like greased lightning on the draw, and he is even more deadly. In 24 professional battles, 24 victories, 20 of them by knockouts. Prior to his emergence as a pro, he turned in 89 performances as an amateur, winning 63 by knockouts—40 in the first round—and 26 by decision.

Shapiro, known as the "East Side Jewish Idol," also boasted an impressive record when he came up for this ten round feature at the Garden. In 50 starts as a pro, he has lost only two close decisions. One of these, dropped to Al Reid, broke up a string of 37 consecutive victories.

Against Robinson, Shapiro looked good for just one round, the opening stanza. After that, it was "Good night, Mary, and pleasant dreams." Shapiro, who had managed to reach the Harlem battler with a couple of spiffy lefts and rights in the opening round, started a left hook to the head in the second frame and was countered with a right which sent him sprawling to the ropes.

Maxie took a count of "3," came back for more and promptly got it. This time he was down for "9" and was in a very bad way when the round ended. He landed a nice right to Robinson's mouth just before the bell, but this turned out to be his farewell shot.

The third round was all Ray's. He landed a fusilade of lefts and rights to the jaw which sent Maxie down for counts of "9" and "9." He managed to get up and was reeling around the ring like a drunken man when Referee Arthur Donovan stepped between him and Robinson and told Maxie it was time to go home. Robinson weighed 135 1-4, Shapiro 135 3-4.

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Colored Colleges Are Making Definite Contribution to American Collegiate Sports; Develop Many National Stars

OCT 1 1941

GUEST COLUMN BY JOEL W. SMITH

The enviable records established by Morris Brown, Florida, Virginia State, Kentucky State, Wiley and Tuskegee in football; Xavier, Tuskegee, Wilberforce, Prairie View, Virginia State, Florida and Southern in track; and Xavier, Clark, Morehouse and Morris Brown in basketball, prove convincingly that the Negro colleges are making a definite contribution in the major American collegiate sports.

Over a period of years these colleges have turned out a brilliant array of national stars. Space will not permit a complete list, but a few of these stars include Ben Stevenson, Kendall, Tom Jones, Pack Adams, and John "Big Train" Moody in football; Culp, Ellerbee, Borican, Lula Hymes, Mabel Smith and Jean Lane in track, and "Itty" Dalton, Joe Johnson, Drafton Roberts, Ezra Murdock, Bray, Crozier, George Coffee and Felix Harris in basketball.

While we take special pride in these and other outstanding athletes developed at Negro institutions, and their accomplishments, it is also gratifying to note that sepia stars are continuing to make history at various white colleges. Inspired by the success of such football performers as Kenny Washington, Jackie Robinson, Ossie Simmons, Willis Ward, the Bell brothers, Bernie Jefferson, Brud Holland and a host of others, Negroes loom as stars during the current football campaign in the "Big Ten," Pacific Coast and other conferences. OCT 1 1941

BATES TO STAR AT NYU

With one year of varsity experience behind him, Leonard Bates may win the title of "Ramming Red Cap" as regular fullback on the 1941 New York U. football team. The chunky 25-year-old star, who has 198 pounds on a 5 foot 11 inch frame, is considered a terrific defensive back and because of his speed and build is hard to bring down as a ball carrier.

He worked the past summer as a red cap, is a junior in the school of education and is married. He is majoring in social work and guidance. He attended St. Paul's in Lawrenceville, Va., and Alexander Hamilton high in Brooklyn before enrolling at N. Y. U. He is also an outstanding member of the track competing in the hammer, javelin, shot put and discus.

WALKER STARTS SENIOR YEAR AS STAR IOWA TACKLE

Jim Walker, since 1939 one of the outstanding tackles in the western conference, is playing his third and final season on the University of Iowa football team. He is the only Negro on the current squad.

A 200 pounder who stands 6 feet 1 inch tall, Walker is studying to be a coach. Last year he played 60 minutes against Notre Dame and Wisconsin, blocking a punt and grabbing the ball on the bounce in the latter game for a 66 yard touchdown run that broke a 12-12 tie. He was handicapped part of his sophomore year by a knee injury. Walker is the only returning major letter man among tackles.

CALIFORNIA SHIFTS YOUNG GORDON TO RIGHT HALF

Walt Gordon, after quarterbacking the Ramblers last year, has been shifted to right half and expects to see considerable action with the University of California varsity football team this year. Although one of the best blockers on the squad, he is handicapped by lack of weight. He is 5 feet 11 and weighs 170 pounds which is hardly enough for the Pacific coast competition.

Young Gordon, 20, is the only Negro on the squad. He is the son of Walter Gordon Sr., coach of the Ramblers and one of the best football scouts in the nation.

NORTHWESTERN SHIFTS END TO HALFBACK

For the first time in several years Northwestern university will have no colored regular on its football team. However, on the squad this year at the right halfback post is Charles Warren, a 180 pound junior who last year was a substitute end. He is expected to see considerable action at the spot where Bernie Jefferson starred for three years.

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MICHIGAN HAS SECOND POTENTIAL GRID STAR IN JULIUS FRANKS

OCT 1 1941

For the second time in the history of the University of Michigan, according to Fred H DeLano, acting director of press relations, a Negro looms as a potential letter winner in football. He is Julius Franks, sophomore guard prospect from Hamtramck, Mich.

Although lettermen of the past two seasons are available the 19 year old 200 pounder may be the regular guard before the season is far advanced. He is already outstanding as a defensive player and place kicker and if his blocking improves, he is expected to be on the starting lineup.

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Atlanta, Georgia

W. Virginia State Plays White Team

OCT 1 1941

INSTITUTE, W. Va.—(SNS)—On October 4 on Lakin Field at Institute, West Virginia, football history will be made when West Virginia State College engages Rio Grande in a football game. This is the first time that an all-white team has engaged an all-colored team in a football contest.

Rio Grande is a small Baptist college between Gallipolis and Jackson, Ohio. It plays such colleges as Denison University, Otterbein, Holbrook, Salem College, Transylvania, Union College, Kentucky, and in West Virginia it has played New River State College, now West Virginia Tech and Morris Harvey located at Charleston.

In Rio Grande's first game they were defeated by the University of Louisville, 58-0. On Saturday, October 27, they play Denison University. According to a statement of Mendell E. Beattie, the coach, Rio Grande will not have a strong team this year. With only one letter man back, the team will be green and inexperienced. However, since West Virginia State College will be playing its first game and Rio Grande will have had two games, Coach Hamblin is drilling his team intensely and is anticipating a difficult game.

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Mose Brown, Pittsburgh Negro Who KO'd Webb 3 Times, Is Holding on to Steel Job

By David Lurie
(Special to the Daily Worker)

OCT 16 1941

McKEESPORT, Pa., Oct. 15.—Mose Brown, twenty-one-year-old Negro contender for light-heavy honors who had to knock almost-champion Irish Jimmy Webb out three times before fight promoters would admit he could, is wisely holding on to his job in a steel mill here.

A coal miner in West Virginia fields while still in his teens, Brown is now working in the National Tube Corporation plant here. When readying for a fight, Brown trains at night, checks in on the day shift at the steel mill regularly.

"I fight at night and work in the day. Why shouldn't I train at night?" Brown says.

Local fans became enthusiastic about Brown's chances to follow in the footsteps of previous light-heavy champs John Henry Lewis and Pittsburgh's Billy Conn, after Brown's three wins over top contender Jimmy Webb.

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The McKeesport steel worker first fought Webb when Irish Jimmy was on his way east to fight Gus Lesnevich. The fight was stopped in the fifth round with Brown proclaimed the winner to a startled crowd.

Considered a fluke win, or at best the result of underestimation of an unknown by Webb, a return match was arranged. The story was the same. Still fight promoters and sports writers here, partly influenced by the lingering myth of white superiority, considered Webb the better fighter. But Brown did it again, this time in the sixth round, at the recent All-Star charity bouts here.

That fight card saw two other Pittsburgh fighters who are putting the steel city on the fistic map along with Billy Conn. These were Fritzie Zivic, ex-welter champ, local Croatian American boy, and Harry Bobo. Like Brown, Bobo is a Negro and like Brown, Bobo is having a hard time getting matches worthy of him. He's already K.O.'d the highly regarded Lee Savold twice.

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Both Bobo and Brown are coming up the ladder, although the hard way. Brown having to fight one man three times before sports writers on Pittsburgh papers would yell "uncle" and Bobo having to be content with minor fights despite his K.O. record.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

ARMSTRONG'S EXIT STIRS FIGHT WORLD

Acclaim for Loser Mingled With Praise for Zivic—Victor Gets $19,836

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Henry Armstrong was nursing painful wounds in seclusion yesterday, while Fritzie Zivic, having battered the once cyclonic Armstrong out of pugilism, was looking for more worlds to conquer as holder of the world welterweight championship he won from Armstrong last October.

In the aftermath of Armstrong's farewell battle on Friday night there were sympathy for a gallant warrior, admiration for his courage and marvelous resistance to punishment as well as a new and better apppraisal of Zivic as a fighter and champion.

The only fighter ever to hold three world championships at the same time—the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns — Armstrong took his leave of the sporting with the distinction of having contributed to drawing the largest crowd ever assembled in Madison Square Garden for a sports event, and that means the largest indoor sports crowd in the world.

All Records Broken

The gathering of 23,190 paid $78,242 for the spectacle. It was estimated yesterday more than 5,000 fans were turned away. The Jimmy McLarnin-Ray Miller bout of March 22, 1929, drew the old record crowd, 21,712. The records proved erroneous a belief that Jim Maloney and Jack Delaney held the previous record. Their battle on Feb. 18, 1927 drew 20,000 persons, 18,184 paid The Golden Gloves amateur tournament has touched 22,000 as its peak

Zivic's immediate ring future is uncertain. e injured his left hand in the tenth round and the hand was so swollen yesterday the champion canceled a flight with Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C. last night to Miami in order to go to Pittsburgh today for treatment. Until Zivic's hand is normal, Manager Luke Carney said, he would not commit the champion to a bout, although proposals have been made for a return match between Zivic and Lew Jenkins, the world lightweight champion.

Treated by Doctor

Armstrong has his wounds treated at the office of Dr. Alexander I. Schiff immediately after the bout, and went into seclusion thereafter. After giving the beaten fighter more tan an hour of treatment, Dr. Schiff issued the following statement:

"Armstrong's forehead is edematous. The edema extends down to the cheeks and backward to the temples. The right eye has three longitudinal cuts. The left eye has one longitudinal cut. The most serious cut extends across the right eyelid, about one inch. In the mouth there is a laceration of the upper lip just to the right of the medium line, vertical and about one inch long. In the lower lip there is also a vertical laceration about half an inch in length. The upper lip was sutured with three silk sutures. The lower lip will heal of itself.

"Until the edema (swelling) disappears from the tissues the forehead and eyelids, nothing will be done. When the edema disappears an operation to remove the scar and excess tissue will be performed. For the edema to disappear will require at least five days or a week."

As balm for his wounds, Armstrong received 25 per cent of a net gate of $66,817, or $16,530. His ailing manager, Eddie Mead, visibly upset at the crushing of a fighting man whose management he undertook in 1936, collected the check yesterday. He agreed with Armstrong's decision to retire, and added he had several business propositions under consideration.

Zivic received about 30 per cent, or $19,836. The champion was lavish in praise of the courage of his beaten foe. He was looking eagerly to returning to his wife and children in Pittsburgh with the biggest purse he ever collected.

Jenkins to Meet Ambers

Jenkins and Lou Ambers, Herkimer Hurricane from whom he won the lightweight crown on a three-round knockout last May 10, are to clash again, but this time in a bout lacking championship significance.

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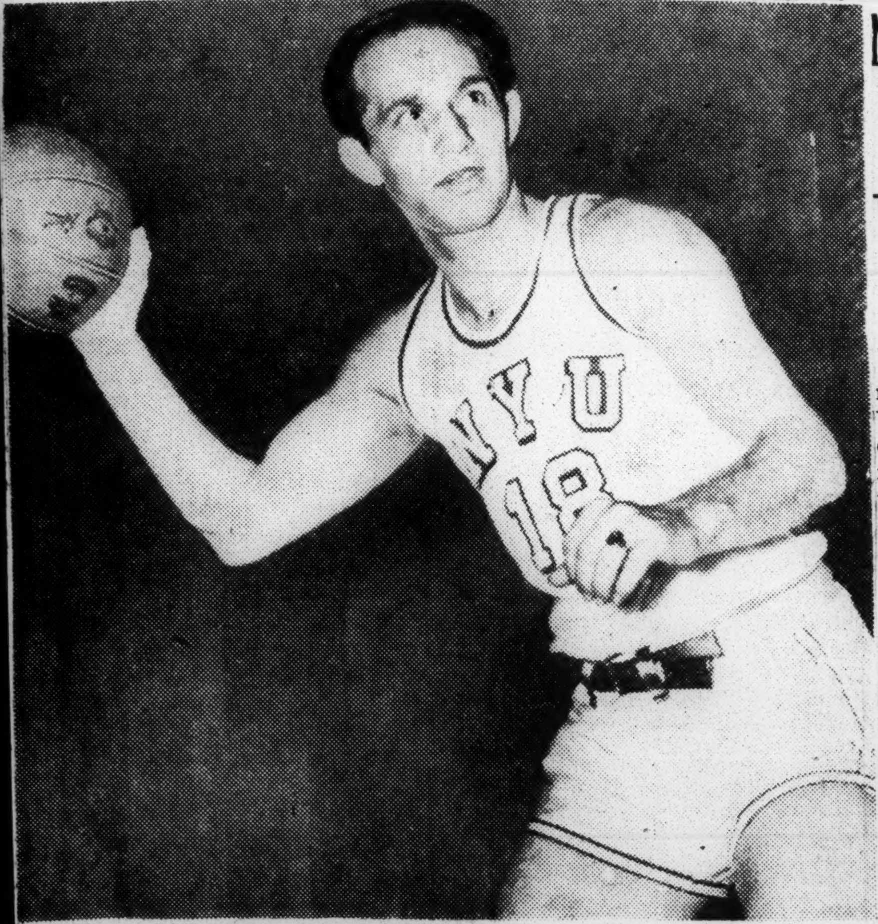

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The complete slate includes ten dual meets, with Columbia the final opponent on March 22. A week later the annual intercollegiate tournament will be held at a site undetermined as yet. The tournament was conducted on N. Y. U.'s own strips last year, and the Violets, who had previously won the championship at local hotels and armories, won for the first time as hosts.

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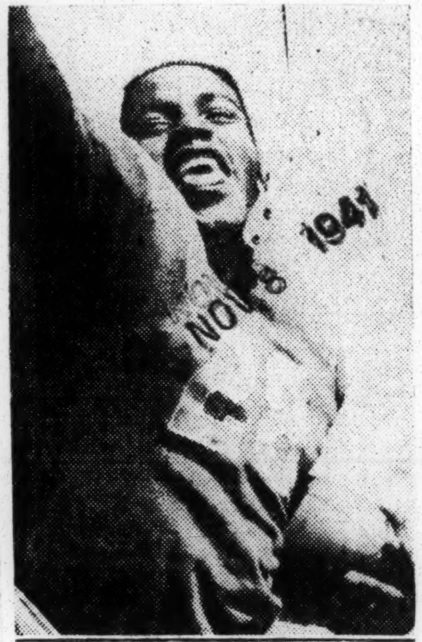

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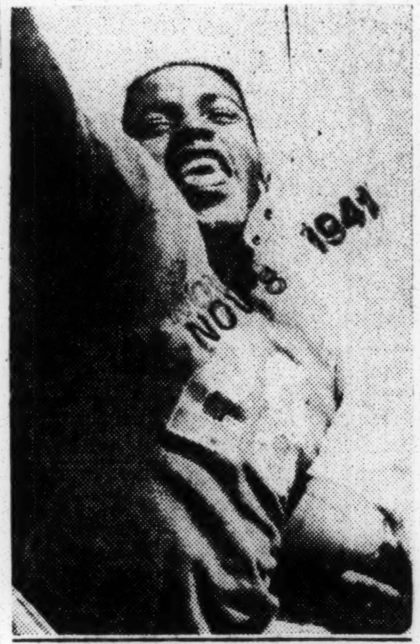

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CHICAGO, Feb. 27—(ANP)—For the first time in the 14-year history of the annual event, Chicago is being represented by a team of Negro fighters in the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in progress at the Chicago stadium Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

These eight colored boys, best of a field of 350 from all parts of Chicago, won the right to represent this city Wednesday night in the local finals. They are now competing against white and colored champions from other cities. Winners of the finals on March 7 will compete later on against champions in the New York Golden Gloves tournament. The Chicago Tribune is sponsor of this annual amateur boxing meet.

The Chicago city champions are Harold Dade, flyweight; Ray Brown, bantamweight; William Jefferson, featherweight; Robert Earl lightweight; Robert Satterfield, welterweight; Roosevelt Thomas, middleweight; Hezzie Williams, light heavy, and Clayton Worlds, heavyweight.

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Dade, Brown and Williams were city champions last year. Dade, Brown and Jefferson represent the Catholic Youth organization and the remaining five are from the Savoy Athletic club. This is the first time that the Savoy A. C., an all-colored club, has won the team trophy and dominated the local contests. Until now the team trophy has gone to the C. Y. O. composed of both white and colored Catholics.

Colored fighters dominated the city tournament so completely that in last Wednesday night's finals there were only two white youths among the 16 competing boxers.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

C.Y.O. Has 3 Title Holders

MAR 1 1941

By FRANK A. YOUNG

For the first time in the 14-year Golden Glove history, the Chicago team of champions will not have a white boxer on it. In other words, all of the eight champions who fight in the Chicagoland Tournament of Champions at the Chicago Stadium starting Monday night are colored.

The Savoy A.C. team supplied five of the champions. The Savoy walked off, for the first time in the history of the tournament, with the team championship trophy which comes to the Southside.

The Catholic Youth Organization, winners of the team trophy for several years in spirited rivalry with the Savoy A.C., and other boxing clubs, fell by the wayside in the terrific and stubborn competition. However, the C.Y.O. was content with three championships—all won by their sepia boxers.

Represening the city of Chicago, the home of more than three million people, will be eight stalwart, game and well trained colored fighters who carry a pack of knockouts in either hand.

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Satterfield Improves

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Satterfield, if given the proper road work, will be down to his weight at weighing in time on Monday afternoon and some boxer or boxers will catch plenty of fists packed with a punch that has "knockout" label on it.

It is doubtful if Worlds will get past the quarter-finals. In bout with Luke Baylark when everyone was expecting Worlds to knockout Baylark, the best he could do was to get a decision. Baylark was smart enough to stay in close and clinch in order to keep Worlds from measuring him off for a killing.

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On Wednesday night only two of the eight final bouts was a mixed bout. That was in the 118-pound class. All the other six were between colored boxers who had waded through the champions who had survived South, West and North sides Golden Gloves trials.

Tough Job Ahead

These eight boys are champions over a field of 350 boxers. When talking to them encourage them. They will meet teams from 23 states starting Monday. When they step into the ring they will be facing another fighter. Whether that fighter is white or colored, from Texas, Nashville or Minnesota, he is just another fighter. All these Chicago champions are representing is the city and their club. Don't send them in there shouldering the race problem. This is a Golden Gloves tournament in which clean sportsmanship and boxing ability alone win.

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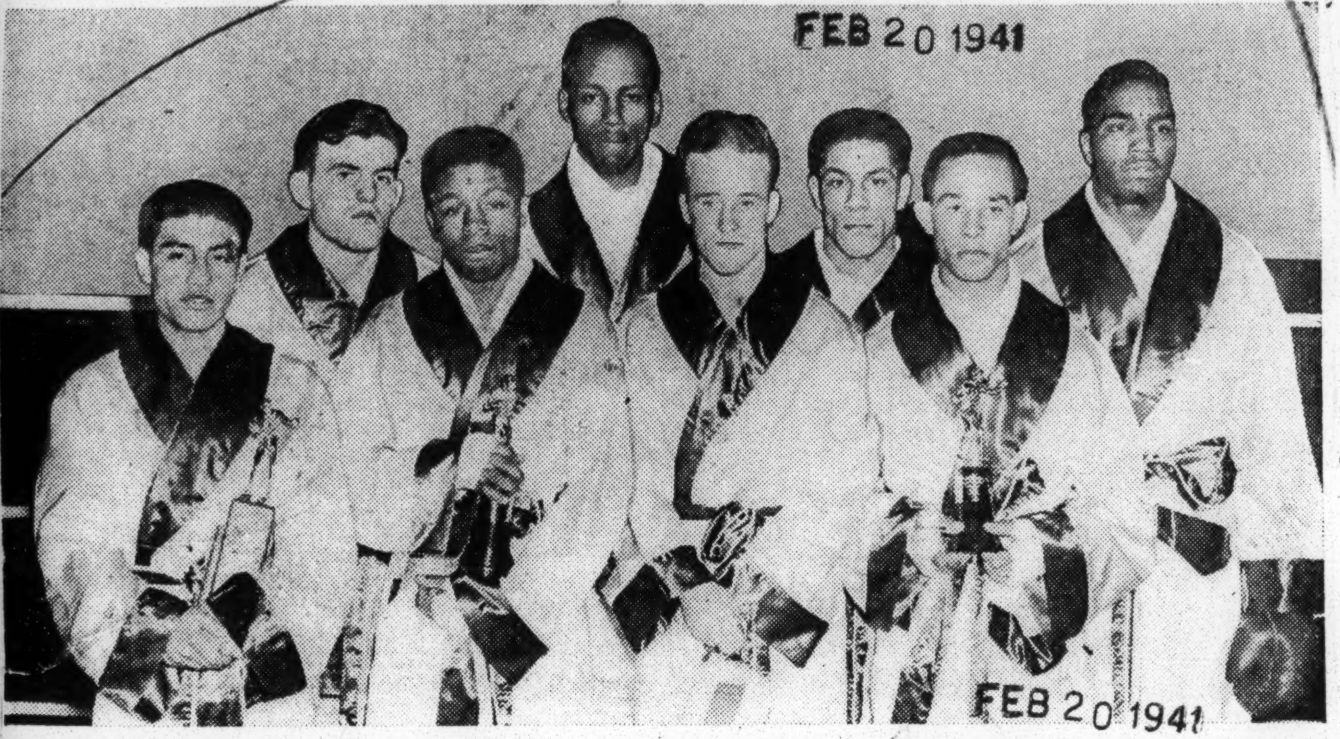

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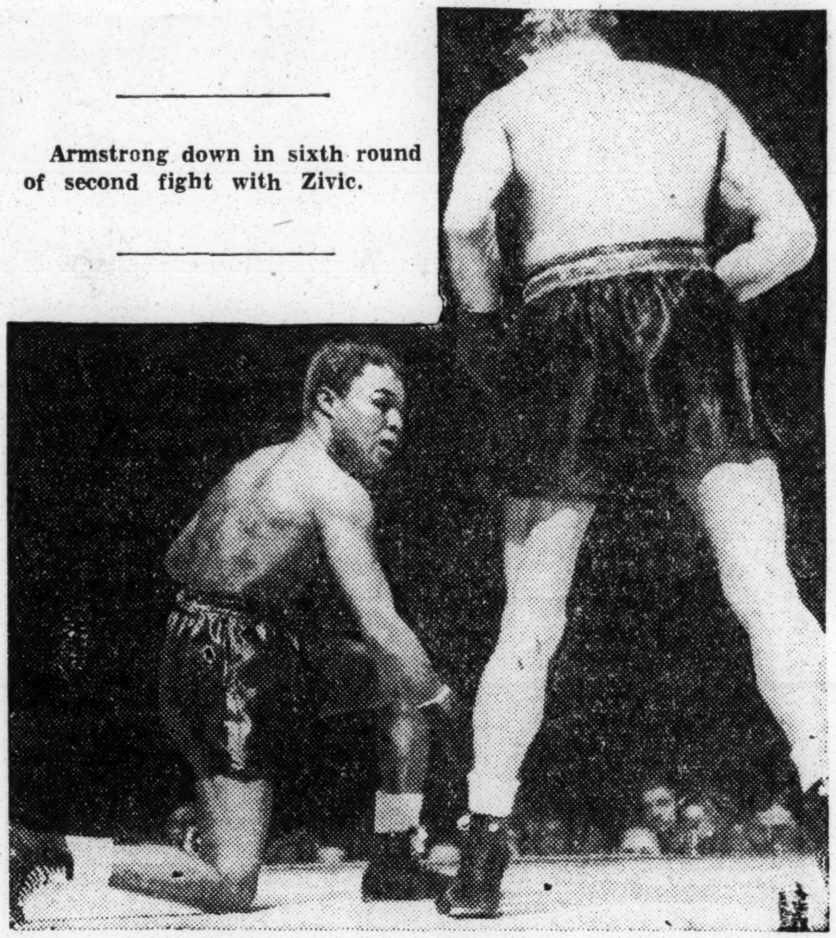

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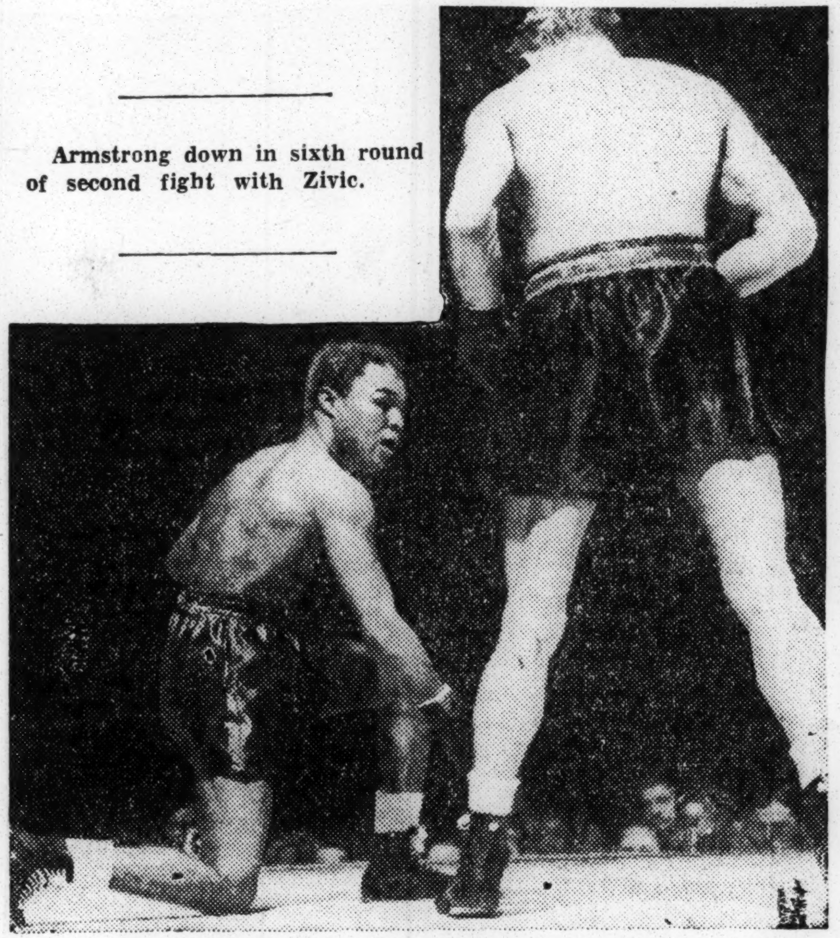

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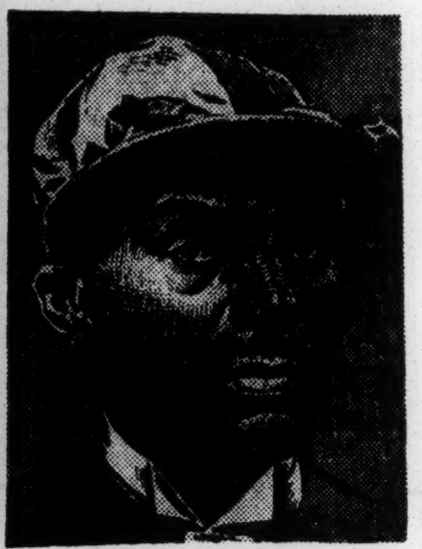
Honor Isaac Murphy, America's Great Jockey

By TOM WILSON

The genial John D. Jackson and the owners of the Washington Park race track have added another page to the history of the famous track in the running of the Isaac Murphy handicap—a $2,500 added race at two miles in honor of America's most famous jockey. Fifteen thousand fans watched Shot Put triumph with Jockey William Garner in the saddle.

The Chicago Defender played an important part in making this race, which is to be an annual event, one of the outstanding races of the season. Mrs. Robert S. Abbott presented, on behalf of this publication,



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$100 to the winning jockey and $25 to the groom.

Shot Put is the champion long distance horse of the country and was backed heavily by the public which forced his odds to 3 to 5 at post time.

Garner dislayed his skill in riding Shot Put to his well earned victory.

Isaac Murphy was America's outstanding jockey. He was born in Lexington, Ky., on January 1, 1861. He died February 13, 1896. He rode four winners in the American derby and three in the Kentucky derby.

Murphy was engaged by Jim Williams and his stable to learn to ride. His first mount was on Millionaire during the spring meeting in Nashville in 1876. He did not win.

In the fall of 1877, Murphy booted home his first winner. He piloted Glentina to victory in the Clark states at Lexington. He rode for the Williams' stables until 1878. He then was engaged to ride for Hunt Reynolds and remained with him for two seasons.

Murphy next rode for Ed Corrigan who owned the largest and best racing stables at that time. It was during his service with the Corrigan stables that Murphy became "America's most famous jockey."

Wins On Modesty

He won the first American derby in 1884 on Modesty. His post position was number 12 and the weight was 117 pounds. The odds were 15 to 1. The American derbies were run on the old Washington park race track, now a residential district between Sixty-first and Sixty-third from Cottage Grove to South Park.

Murphy rode Volante to win the second American derby in 1885. His post position was number eight. The weight was 123 pounds and the price was 8 to 1.

Murphy made it three in a row in 1886 by riding Silver Cloud to an American derby victory in 1886. The position of Murphy's horse was number ten and the weight was 121. The price was 20 to 1.

Folks who thought Murphy was out as an American derby winner got the surprise of their lives when Murphy went to the post on Emperor of Norfolk in 1888 in number seven position with 123 pounds. The price was 4 to 1 and home first came the Emperor of Norfolk and Murphy was the first and only jockey to win four American derbies.

Murphy endeared himself to his loyal followers who numbered in the thousands when he rode Freeland to win a match race over Miss Woodford, ridden by Jimmy McLaughlin, the best white jockey of that time. The race was run on August 10, 1885 and the purse was for $10,000.

Murphy rode three Kentucky derby winners. His record has been equaled only by Earle Sande, white.

Leaving Corrigan stable, Murphy rode for Lucky Baldwin, J. B. Haggin and the Ehret stables. He rode nearly all of the famous race horses of that time.

In a celebrated match race at Sheepshead Bay, New York, on June 25, 1890, Murphy rode Salvator to beat Tenny with Snapper Garrison, white, in the saddle. He booted Tenny home by a head in 2:05 flat for the mile and a quarter race.

Much Different Now

Back in the early days, the colored jockeys did not have the advantages that the white boys have today. They slept in the stables with their horses. The jockeys, grooms and trainers cooked their meals on wood burning stoves, coal oil lanterns were used to see by when feeding their horses before daybreak.

The jockeys back in Issac Murphy's time worked out their horses every morning, fed and groomed them and were ready to ride them in the afternoon. Those men loved their horses which they cared for and the only real enjoyment for them was to see their horses run in the afternoon and during the workouts in the mornings. White jockeys and white grooms were scarce in those days. Later on now and then, the white lad would work along with the Negro boy, learning to exercise horses. A bit later a white boy would be seen riding in a race as a jockey. This was the beginning of the white man's hold on the race track as a jockey and groom. Today, the white boy is the leading jockey. You seldom see a Negro boy in a saddle as a jockey now.

The white jockey of today has an agent who makes all riding engagements. Most of the stables have regular exercising boys. Some of the jockeys only report when they have been engaged to ride a horse in a race. Contrast this with the time when the colored jockey had to sleep in ill-smelling stables with the horses; when they exercised the horse in the morning and later in the day rode that horse in a race. In many cases the colored jockey didn't get paid unless the horse won. In those days, the colored jockey had to supply his own medical needs. Today the white jockey's medical needs are given him free. Only by this comparison can you realize what great turfmen these black boys were.

It is indeed gratifying to know the record made by the Negro jockey from 1875 to 1903 stands UNEQUALLED today.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Jimmie McDaniel Beats Cohen for Tennis Title

Army Will Get Both McDaniel and Cohen After Nationals Are Held Next Week at Tuskegee

Jimmie McDaniel, the Xavier University clay court wizard, in what is probably his last appearance on a tennis court in New York, blasted his teammate, Richard Cohen, also of Xavier, in four sets to take the men's singles championship in the New York Tennis Association's 25th Silver Jubilee tournament that wound up in a blaze of thrills on the Cosmopolitan Club's courts Sunday afternoon. A crowd of over 500 turned out to see McDaniel retain his title. Cohen went down, 8-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. He also was making what will probably be his last New York appearance.

The two top men in Negro tennis are due to discuss uniforms with Uncle Sam shortly after the national championship matches are run off at Tuskegee, August 18-23. While McDaniel had a comparatively easy time getting past Cohen on Sunday, he got a scare Saturday when slim Joe King, formerly of McIntosh, Ga., but now an Xavier student, took the first two sets from Jimmie in the semi-finals. The excitement subsided when McDaniel came back in the third and fourth sets and turned on the heat to dazzle King and give Daniel the next three sets. The score was 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Lomax Victor

Mrs. Flora Lomax, of Detroit, former national women's singles champion, vanquished Margaret Peters, of Tuskegee, in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, to win the women's title. Raymond Jackson, Erasmus High, Brooklyn, star, beat Quentin Vaughan, Boys' High ace, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2, for the junior singles crown. Thelma McDaniel, beating Dorothy Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., 7-5, 6-4, won the girls' singles title. McDaniel and Cohen teamed to defeat Joe King and Robert Ryland, the latter also an Xavier man, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1, for the men's doubles championship.

The women's doubles crown went to the Peters sisters, Margaret and Roumania, who turned back the veterans, Anita Gant, of Washington, and Ora Washington, former kingpin of women net aces, 6-1, 6-3. J. B. Garrett, Veterans' Hospital, Tuskegee, won the veterans' singles when he trounced Ted Hooks, of Brooklyn, 6-4, 6-1. The mixed doubles crown went to Lomax and W. E. Jones, of Baltimore, who turned back the team of Ora Washington and Dr. Sylvester Smith, Philadelphia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Cohen Beats Chandler

After McDaniel defeated King Saturday, Cohen, wearing his white fisherman's hat, strode to court N[illegible] to beat John Chandler, seeded No. 3, in three easy sets, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Upset of the week took place Thursday when unseeded J. Lewis Hickman, of New York, and Donald Ellis, of Brooklyn, swept the national doubles champions, Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, of Tuskegee, off the courts, 7-5, 5-7 and 10-8. The match so upset the gallery that scores streamed out to congratulate the New York victors and the demonstration lasted several minutes.

Flora Lomax knocked off Roumania Peters, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, on Saturday to meet Margaret Peters in the finals. She had previously turned back Asassa Barrow, of Boston, 7-5, 6-1. Thelma McDaniels who won the girls' singles title, on Friday turned aside Nana Dacis, of Elizabeth, N. J., 0-6, 10-8, 6-4, while Dorothy Davis defeated Audrey Davis, also of Elizabeth, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Quentin Vaughan defeated Stafford Flowers, of Brooklyn, and Raymond Jackson defeated DeWitt Willis, of Westfield, N. J., to reach the finals.

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Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Record Entry For Nat'l Net Tourney Expected

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., July 24—Jimmie McDaniel, Xavier university, New Orleans, La., National Singles champion of the American Tennis association and National Intercollegiate champion, Richard Cohen, runner-up in National Singles play; Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee institute, National Doubles champion, will begin the long trail which they hope will lead to more glory and they will probably be placed at the top of the domestic seeded list for the Men's National Singles Tennis Championships which open on the morning of August 18th at Tuskegee Institute.

The championship in which McDaniel will seek to add his third United States crown will probably draw an entry list of over 90 players. Of these 90 players 16 will be seeded on past and present seasons' records. Other players probably eligible for seeding are: Lloyd Scott of Prairie View State college, Prairie View, Texas, (former National Singles Champion); Harmon Fitch of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Robert Ryland, former National Junior champion, now of Xavier university; John Chandler of Fanwood, New Jersey; T. R. Lawson, Prairie View State college; Wilbur Clarke of Chicago, Illinois; Royal Weaver of Philadelphia, Pa.; W. E. Jones of Baltimore, Md.; Warren Weaver, also of Baltimore; John L. McGriff, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., and Tommie Walker of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Agnes Lawson of Prairie View, Texas, the singles queen of the United States, is going to have her hands full this year in making her bid for her second championship. The women's singles bracket will have between 60 and 70 players. Of this number eight will probably be seeded. At the present time it would seem that the following are eligible: Margaret and Roumania Peters of Tuskegee Institute; Flora Lomax, Detroit, Mich., former national champion; Lillian Birch of Detroit, Mich.; Francis Gittens of Brooklyn, New York; Juliette Harris and Miss Scott of Los Angeles, California; Mayme Stanley of Tuskegee Institute and Celestine Hackett of Tillotson college, who scored a sensational victory over the national champion, Mrs. Agnes Lawson to win the Southwestern Championship in June, this year.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Only 4 Negro Boxers Have Won Welter Title; Cocoa Kid Eyes It

Battling Youngster Takes Jannazzo Aug. 5 at Ebbet's Field for Chance at Zivic's Championship

By DANIEL

Since 1901 four Negro boxers have won the world's welterweight championship. Nowadays there's a smashing youngster who feels confident he will be the fifth Negro boxer ever to garner the 147-pound crown. His name is Louis [illegible] Aroya, more familiarly known as Cocoa Kid. Tuesday night, August 5, Cocoa will engage Izzy Jannazzo in the feature 10-round knockabout, in Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.

It will be 40 years come December 18 that Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon, astounded the spheres of boxing by knocking out Rube Gerns, conqueror of Matty Matthews, in five rounds, in Fort Erie, Canada, scene of the crashing victory of Joe Gans over Young Erne two years previous. Walcott ruled the welterweight class until 1904.

Dixie Kid vs. Walcott

A gentleman named Aaron Brown, who fought under the cognomen, "Dixie Kid," was really the second Negro punchateer to win the welter title. The "Kid" hooked up with Walcott in San Francisco, April 30, 1904. (Two years before the great Frisco earthquake.) Walcott was disqualified in the 20th round. "Dixie" was proclaimed champion, but he never pressed his claim to the diadem, instead, "The Kid" journeyed to France and campaigned for many years in the land of the fleur-de-lis.

Walcott continued to claim the title and was recognized in many centres as the legitimate holder of the tiara. In Chelsea, Mass., October 16, 1906, Honey Melody won a 15-round decision over Walcott and was crowned leader of the 147-pound division.

Enter—Young Jack

Twenty-four years later the thundering Young Jack Thompson started bowling 'em over in the rings of California. In 1927 the sparkling Negro ringster took the measure of Billy Algers and King Tut. In the following year Thompson knocked out the original Fargo Express, Russie LeRoy (also managed by Jack Hurley, who looked after the fistic affairs of Billy Petrolle). Joe Dundee, reigning champion, was knocked out in two rounds by Thompson and Jackie Fields, who won the title from Dundee, was defeated by Thompson.

Fields, instead of Thompson, however, was matched to meet Dundee and the Chicagoan relieved Dundee of the bauble. Thompson got his chance in 1930 and succeeded in winning the championship from Fields in a 15-round bout in Detroit, May 9. Less than four months later Tommy Freeman dethroned Thompson, but Jack came on April 14, 1931, and regained the championship by handing Freeman the second knockout the Clevelander suffered during his career. By this feat Thompson became the second welter ever to win, lose and regain the crown. (Rube Ferns, 1900-01, was the first.) It took a southpaw to dethrone Thompson. One Lou Brouillard turned the trick in Boston over the 15-round route, October 23, 1931.

Hammering Hank Last

The last of the Negro champions was Henry Armstrong. This greatest of all ring titleholders won the prize from Barney Ross, in a 15-round squabble, in the Madison Square Garden Bowl, May 31, 1938.

Armstrong is Cocoa's idol. Speaking to your reporter, "The Keed" said: "Dan that Armstrong sure was terrific. He had everything, punch, speed and stamina. I'd be perfectly satisfied to win just the welterweight championship for I certainly couldn't make the featherweight or lightweight limit as Henry did. Jannazzo, you know, won a very close decision over me in Maryland. I'm going to be out to avenge that victory when I clash with Jannazzo Tuesday night. It should be a mighty interesting scrap for I am in the best of condition and I'll be fighting to be recognized as challenger No. 1 for Fritzi Zivics' welterweight crown. Keep your fingers crossed, Dan. I might yet be the fifth member of our race to win that old welterweight championship," ended Cocoa.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mich. Appoints First Negro Boxing Inspector

DETROIT, (ANP)—Rollo S. Vest, newspaperman here last week received his credentials as a boxing inspector, making him the first Michigan Negro ever to serve in that capacity. The appointment for an indefinite period was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Athletic Board of Control upon the recommendation of Boxing Commissioner Petry Fisher. Vest will maintain his newspaper connections

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Net Aces Beat White Stars in Lynchburg

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Jimmy McDaniel, Richard Cohen, Joseph King and Robert Ryland, national tennis stars, stayed in Lynchburg long enough to demonstrate their ability to a large group of spectators, white and colored, last week.

On Wednesday, Cohen defeated Fred West, white, the recently crowned Virginia champion, 1—6, 8—6, 6—4; while Ryland defeated Ralph Johnson, white, 6—1, 6—2, and was called by Johnson "the Human Backboard." King defeated McDaniel 6—1, 6—4.

On Thursday, McDaniel defeated West in five sets, 4—6, 7—5, 6—4, 6—8, 6—3. After playing McDaniel in the morning, West came back in the afternoon to play King. King won 6—4, 7—5, 4—6, 6—4. King also defeated Johnson 6—3, 6—2.

King and Dr. Whirlwind Johnson teamed up to play West and Ralph Johnson. Each team won a set, then Cohen teamed up with West to defeat King and Dr. Johnson, 6—4, for the third set.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

King on All-Star Squad

WILLIAM (DOLLY) KING,
ex-Long Island U. end.

William (Dolly) King, great football end and all-round athlete at Long Island University, Brooklyn, N.Y., was one of the three flankmen named to the 1941 Eastern College All-Star football team this week by Jim Crowley of Fordham, All-Star coach.

King, along with Bob Krieger of Dartmouth, the player who place-kicked the 3 points which won the celebrated "fifth down" game with Cornell on a recount, and John Shonk of West Virginia, the latter two white, have accepted invitations for the squad and will report with the rest of the All-Stars at New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, August 12.

Practice will open on that date and thereafter it will be a battle among the players for the starting positions in the sixth annual New York Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund All-Star game in the Polo Grounds on Wednesday, September 3. The All-Stars will play the professional New York Giants.

All-Round Star

King is better known to sports fans as a basketball player, having starred for four years as an important cog in Coach Clair Bee's celebrated Long Island University Blackbird quintets. He, however, was nominated by the New York football writers as the best end in the metropolitan district last year.

King weighs 215 pounds and can run like a deer. He is the third colored player who has won a place on the Eastern All-Star team and the second colored end.

Jerome (Brud) Holland, All-American Cornell flankman of three seasons ago and now coach at Hampton Institute, was the other end.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Harry Wills Got $50,000 Without Throwing Punch

By JOEL W. SMITH

In his weekly broadcast, Bill Stern, popular NBC sports commentator, listed Harry Wills as the only fighter in ring history to receive $50,000 for a heavyweight championship bout which he never fought.

According to Mr. Stern, who is an authority on sports, Wills, who was every inch a fighter was the logical contender for the heavyweight championship held by Dempsey, but somehow never managed to get a shot at the title.

At the very outset, Dempsey casually refused to meet Wills, for first one reason or another. When Wills continued winning bout after bout, Dempsey was on the spot and had to face the issue.

When a fight promoter asked Dempsey his price to meet Wills in a heavyweight title bout, the answer was, $750,000. "I'll pay it," said the promoter, but Dempsey turned the offer down. Later the same promoter wrote Dempsey to the effect that he would give him $1,000,000 to fight Wills. This letter was not even answered.

Finally, the champion agreed to sign at a price not published and deposited $50,000 in the bank in the name of Harry Wills in the event the fight did not materialize.

Both fighters started training for the bout, but again Dempsey changed his mind and fought Gene Tunney instead, but Wills received the $50,000.

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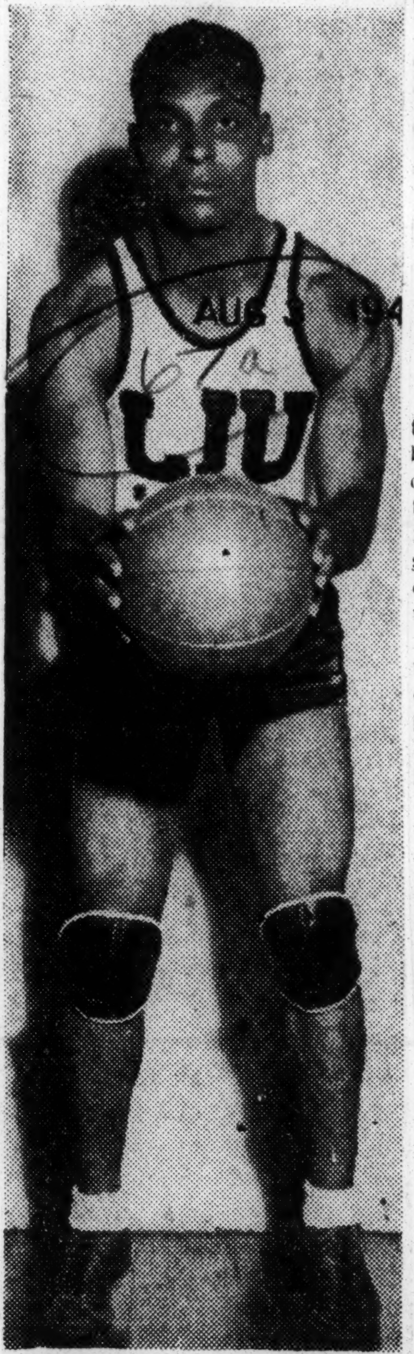
NAMED TO ALL STAR GRID TEAM



Bill King, great Negro athlete who finished his All-American basketball and football career for Long Island University last year, was named yesterday to an end position on the All-Stars that plays the professional Giants at the Polo Grounds Sept. 12. The nomination of King to this annual classic by Fordham Coach Jim Crowley was a slap for the Jim Crow policy of the pro league magnates, who threw out Negro players in 1933 at the behest of baseball magnates.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Jean Lane Is First Honored

WILBERFORCE, O.—For the first time in the athletic annals of Wilberforce university was the action of the Wilberforce Athletic committee, headed by Prof. E. Champ Warrick, chairman and I. S. Lane, graduate manager, in the awarding of a varsity "W" in track to a young woman student.

The recipient was Miss Jean Betty Lane, senior student in physical education and stellar cinder path performer for the Buckeye school. Miss Lane, the only foung woman participant in track at Wilberforce is technically according to her coach, Gaston F. "Country" Lewis, a member of the men's track team. Her name is carried on the men's varsity track team's roll; she practices with them and her picture appeared with them in the 1941 "Forcean" senior year book.

Miss Lane's record in track is too well known to be recounted here in detail. Suffice it to say that in the two years she has represented Wilberforce she has entered five tournaments and 10 events. She has won all 10 events lowering the world's record in the outdoor 100 yards from 11.1 to 10.9 seconds. For this she was awarded the national citizens record; the indoor 100 meters from 26.1 to 25.1. During her short varsity track career she has met the famed Polish Olympic track star, Miss Stella Walsh of Cleveland, in three races. The Wilberforce miss was the winner each time.

Recently an invitation was extended Miss Lane to take part in the national track and field championships sponsored by the National Canadian exposition, Toronto, Canada, August 30-Sept. 1.

Miss Lane could not be reached on the campus for a statement concerning the invitation. The famous speedster is at present serving as counselor for the Springfield, Ohio, Y.W.C.A. at Camp Knolls, Ohio.

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The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.

White Writer Says Negro Baseball Players Superior To Big Leaguers

EDITOR'S NOTE: H. G. Salsinger, leading sports writer of the white race wrote the following article in the Detroit News after he had watched the Homestead Grays and the Baltimore Elite Giants play a double-header in Detroit. He is considered one of the country's leading sports authorities.

Nearly 28,000 people (the actual paid attendance was 27,949) passed through the turnstiles of Briggs Stadium on Sunday afternoon to watch two colored teams play a double-header. They paid the same admission prices that are charged for American League games but what they saw surpassed in entertainment value any double-header played here by the Tigers this year.

The two teams in competition yesterday were the Elite Giants of Baltimore and the Homestead Grays of Homestead, Pa., members of the National Negro League, and the result was even. Baltimore won the first game, 6 to 0, and Homestead won the second, in the tenth inning, 8 to 7.

Talent

Colored cultural organizations have been trying to beat down the color line and gain admittance for colored ball players to major league rosters. The answer to all their campaigns has been that the colored league lacked players capable of making the big-league grade.

Here was a chance to compare the play of the colored leaguers with that of the major leaguers and the comparison, made after more than five hours of competition, was in favor of the colored players.

The colored man has become predominant in track and field athletics, particularly in the sprints, hurdles, broad jump, high jump and one or two other events that have attracted members of his race.

The colored man has done exceptionally well in college football some of the best linemen, ends and backs, belong to the Ethiopian race. In baseball the colored man's claims have always been discounted, mainly because in baseball colored played against colored and there was no chance for comparison except in isolated cases, like that of the much publicized Leroy (Satchel) Paige, a tall right-handed pitcher who ties himself into knots while winding up and who, because of his personal eccentricities, has been eagerly sought by promoters and has had the opportunity of pitching against a large number of major league players, a privilege denied his less spectacular brethren.

Undoubtedly the Satchel is a first-class throwing man but there are quite a number of other talented players on the rosters of colored clubs.

Material

Press releases mentioned Buck Leonard, first baseman of the Homestead nine, as the top player in the National Negro League, and so we paid particular attention to Leonard, a man of the same build as Rudy York and wearing the same number, but infinitely faster than York and more aggressive.

In the seventh inning of the second game, Leonard made a play that we have never seen matched by an American League first baseman. He ran almost to the extreme end of the bullpen in rightfield foul territory and caught a fly ball over his shoulder.

The play was mechanically brilliant, but strategically bad. There was a runner on third base at the time and Leonard, after making the catch, could not pull up in time to throw home and keep the runner from scoring.

It was Leonard's spectacular play that sent the game into extra innings. Had he ignored the foul fly the game would have been won by his Homestead team in nine innings.

Forgotten

One player that the advance publicity never mentioned was Matthew Carlisle, second baseman of the Homestead nine. There are a couple of brilliant second basemen in the American League — Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox and Joe Gordon of the New York Yankees — but with them in mind we still like Carlisle. He's quite a ball payer, at least he was the other day.

In the eighth inning of the second game Carlisle made a play that was the best delivered by a second baseman at Briggs Stadium this season. Biot hit a fly ball to dead right. Easterling, the rightfielder, was playing over and had no chance to reach the ball. Carlisle whipped with the crack of the bat and streaked out on a straight line, the way Tris Speaker used to do.

He never paused in his flight but finally took a half look and caught the ball over his right shoulder while still traveling at top speed toward the rightfield stands. As things turned out it was a game-saving play.

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Aggressive

There is one thing that distinguishes the National Negro League ball players from their major league brethern and that is their whole-hearted enthusiasm, their genuine zest. They play baseball with a verve and flair lacking in the big leagues. They look like men who are getting a great deal of fun out of it but who want desperately to win, sometimes too desperately.

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They play the game intensely. They rarely kick on a decision but when they do they kick with vigor and abandon.

If there were one of two rowdy spots in the playing of the two games they were excusable and, in view of the kind of lethargic baseball that we have seen here all season, even commendable. It is a relief to watch two teams as intently bent on winning as these two were yesterday.

And, as for the crowd, it was beautifully behaved. It was, in fact, the best behaved crowd that has watched a double-header here all season. For once Briggs Stadium housed customers who refrained from littering the fringe of the outfield with waste paper.

Also, it was a crowd that understood baseball and did not miss a single point of excellence in nineteen innings of play.

Globe and Independent
Nashville, Tenn

Henry Armstrong Banks On "Feather Feet," Invention Of Harlemites, To Help Regain Welter-weight Title

NEW YORK, Aug 21 (By Cephus Jones for ANP)—The sensational news from California that Henry Armstrong, one time holder of three world championship belts at the same time, was heading east again determined to hit the comeback trail to his welterweight title, was tempered quite a bit with the announcement here that the former champ was depending on an exerciser, product of the ingenuity of a Harlem inventor, to help him on his return to the ring.

"Feather Feet" the dream of Langley A. Waller, the Harlem inventor, is an exerciser made to order for cases such as Armstrong's. The little buzz-saw in his last battle in New York at the Garden when Fritzie Zivic lifted his welterweight title, showed plainly the lack of stamina in his formerly sturdy legs and a tiring of muscles in the shoulders and arms that hampered him a lot trying to carry the fight to the fresher Pittsburgh puncher. Waller's invention, pateneted only a few weeks ago by the United States Patent office in Washington, will correct Armstrong's condition in a short order, once Hammering Hank pitches camp to start training for an eventual bout with the new world welterweight champion, Red Cochrane of Elizabeth, N. J.

Waller, who lives at 32-31 97th Ave., Corona, L. I., has already been approached by leading manufacturers of athletic goods who see in "FeatherFeet" a most revolutionary idea and one sure to enjoy instant favor with all athletes, as well as wkith ordinary folk who need exercise at home, in office, andelsewhere. Henry Armstrong started using the device shortly after his retirement from the ring and has said "Fether Feet" have been responsible for his regaining of at least 90 per cent of his old hitting power. In addition, Hank's timing has improved to such a nexteint that his faithful trainer, Harry Armstrong, is sure no welter weight in the ring today can stand before the shuffling little punch tossing from California via St. Louis.

"Feater Feet" is made up of leather bracelets with pockets into which are inserted bars of lead. The bracelets are made for either the wrists or the ankles. By adding weights up to six pounds, the person intraining can build the muscles of the legs or arms and chest to almost unbelieaveable strength and endurance while exercising with "Feather Feet." In fact, an athlete can build himself to any degree of strength and power he wishes.

Waller, a former Chicagoan who starred on a Wendell Phillips high school championship basketball team in 1927-28, is also a former CYO lightweight boxing champion and a Golden Glover. He is the president of Harlem's only Negro owned engraving plant and was formerly the only Negro in the powerful New York local of the Engravers International union.

"Feather Feet" has already received the unqualified and enthusiastic endorsement of such prizefighters as Georgie Pace, former National Boxing association bantam weight champion; the new and sensational young lightweight, Beau Jack; George Gainsford, trainer of the Salem-Crescent A. C. Golden Gloves champions; Ed Gordon, the broad jump champion, and many others. Although Waller has demonstrated his device to many he feels that there are many others who would be glad to hear from all such persons.

Armstrong will fight again under providing Armstrong can show the days of Benny Leonard and Lew
the banner of Mike Jacobs, who is same ability that made him the Tendler and the idol of the sporting as well as
not averse to his return to the ring, greatest drawing card since the fraternity throughout the country, as well as in London.

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Chicago, Illinois

The STUFF IS HERE.

PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE

BY FAY YOUNG

AUG 30 1941

THE UNITED GOLFERS association's sixteenth annual national championship play on the Ponkapoag course in Boston will go down in history as the crowning achievement of the association. The association has come a long way since its first tournament in Stow, Mass. back in 1926.

Porter Washington, formerly of Chicago but now a pro in Boston was under par at the fourteenth hole in the play on Tuesday of last week when a deluge stopped the tournament and forced the officials to postpone activities until the next day. Walter Speedy of Chicago was there last week. He also played at Stow in 1926.

Mrs. Wilson

Washington played in the first championship tournament at Stow. The idea was Bob Hawkins'. He kept writing to Washington in Chicago and Washington finally agreed to bring some players from Chicago to Mapledale. Seven went with Washington. There were but 31 players in that 1926 tourney. Last week the entry list totaled 185.

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THE 1926 TOURNAMENT paved the way for the United Golfers association which was organized in 1930. Today the U.G.A. is the leading sponsor of golf among our group in the country It is to golf what the American Tennis association is to our tennis. There are 16 affiliated clubs Unfortunately there is some competition. However, none of the tournaments other than the U.G.A. take on a national aspect Golfers, the best Negro pros and amateurs in this country take part in the U.G.A. nationals. From the east, west, north and deep south they come—and they play such golf that even the best golf critics marvel.

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RALPH CHILTON, president, is a deputy United States marshal. His home is in Chicago. Chilton has done an excellent job as president. A. L. Miller, vice president, is an instructor of golf and tennis at Morris Brown college in Atlanta. A. D. V. Crosby, secretary, is a school teacher in Columbus, Ohio. One vice president is a doctor. Several officers are business men. Mrs. Geneva Wilson, Chicago, national women's champion in 1939 and 1940, owns two dress shops.

The interest in the national tournament of the U.G.A. is shown by the registration. Sixteen women, the entire female membership of one Washington, D. C., club went to Boston this year. Twenty women left Chicago for the tournament. One of these was Mrs. Cleo Ball, wife of Robert "Pat" Ball, winner of the 1941 pro championship. Mrs. Ball won her first national championship by defeating Mrs. Vivian Pitts, wife of Colonel Pitts, commanding the 184th Field Artillery at Camp Custer, for the 1941 title.

Ball, in becoming champion again, is the only man to have held the title four times. He beat Clyde Martin, Detroit, by one stroke. Ball played in the first national tournament. He won the national championships in 1927, 1929 and 1934. Hugh Smith, defending champion was eighth.

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ZEKE HARTSFIELD, a pro at the Lincoln park course in Atlanta, is 31 years old. He caddied for the famous Bobby Jones on the East Lake course in Atlanta but has modeled his game after Perry Adair.

The 41-year-old veteran and thrice champion, Robert "Pat" Ball is a pro at Chicago's Palos Hills course. Clyde Martin is Joe Louis' golf instructor and won the Joe Louis open in Detroit two weeks ago. He is formerly of Washington D. C.

Hugh Smith works in the office of an industrial plant in Thomaston, Ga. He was champion in 1940 and is only 27 years old. Sol Hughes, 34, works in the shop at the Gadsden, Ala., country club.

Porter Washington's correct name is Paul Porter William Townsend Washington He is a chef in a Mt. Vernon street restaurant when not serving as a pro golfer. His 268 at Stow in 1926 is an all-time tournament record.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Brud Holland Favors Hampton Job Over Old Post At Lincoln (Pa.)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(By Al White for ANP)—The Philadelphia Independent last week carried a lengthy story on Brud Holland and the situation at Lincoln university. Some weeks ago, Hampton institute announced that Holland had been signed to a contract to coach and teach at that institution in the general shake-up. Then, a member of the Lincoln board of trustees declared Holland was up for the draft and Lincoln couldn't be sure whether or not they would have his services. No mention was made of the demand for increase in salary. Shortly afterward, Hampton sent out a big story that Holland had been signed and would help Coach Griffin whip the Pirates into shape.

The differences will surely bring about a peculiar situation in the C.I.A.A. There a great deal of jealousy among coaches is prevalent. And the shanghaing of Holland back to Lincoln, if it is true, will not add to the situation as far as peace is concerned.

This will give a tang to the Lincoln-Hampton games which hitherto has not existed and will add some more fuel to the feuds already existing in the staid old CIAA.

Holland cannot be blamed for taking the best offer, but Lincoln, which had a rep last year for rowdyism par excellence, will not enhance its position. But it would be a poor move on the part of Lincoln's powers that be if they permit Holland to make a deal with another school in the same association and then, when they find he is not to be drafted, try to sign him up to another contract.

Lincoln has tried every way possible to build teams, both on the gridiron and on the court, hiring high priced coaches and giving them practically everything they wished or asked for, but they have been only moderately successful.

Another situation in the same C. I. A. A. will involve Howard university where the rumor still persists that the former coach at A. and T. college will take over the future of the Bisons. If Homer Harris assumes this role at Howard, he will have not only the competition of the member teams in the association to fight, but he will have the governing body at Howard on his neck constantly.

Harris didn't turn the world upside down at A. and T. after supplanting the popular Inman Breaux, a former Union star who later went to Springfield college and then to New York university. Breaux's removal has never been satisfactorily explained and Harris assumed control under a cloud. Harris couldn't quite bring his teams to work as a cohesive unit, although the world was turned upside down to help him.

The C.I.A.A. is in for a pretty nice time of it this season if the Holland case turns out that Big Brud goes back to Lincoln and Harris takes over at Howard.

A direct contact with Hampton through Dave Apter, public relations official, says that no message of any actions on Holland's part has been received at that institution His wire states:

"Holland has not notified any administrative office at Hampton that he is not coming here in the fall. Will contact him personally to get facts."

No one at Hampton knew of this particular act until the ANP Washington representative contacted Mr. Apter who expressed surprise that such was the case.

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Chicago, Illinois

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The Danville (Ill.) Commercial News tournament produced this team to compete in the Tournament of Champions. Left to right: James Hamilton, 112 pounds; Clarence Thurman, 118 pounds; Duane Everett, 147 pounds; Frank Crow, 126 pounds; Al Derrickson, 160 pounds; Al Stringfellow, 135 pounds; Fred Wright, 175 pounds, and Roy Tibbetts, heavyweight. Tibbetts is from Homer, Ill. All the other boxers are from Danville.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Henry Armstrong To Lead His Own Band

FEB 17 1941

NEW YORK—(TYP) — Henry Armstrong, that game little warrior of the prize ring (past tense) will actually lead his own orchestra.

It was revealed by his brother Harry Armstrong who so capably lead Hank to three world's titles, at the Hotel Theresa this week that Armstrong, who recently lost to Fritzie Zivic in a second unsuccessful but thrilling try to regain his lost laurels, would soon appear in the role of band leader at a near future date under the management and direction of Joe Glaser, the latter of Glaser-Consolidated.

Mr. Glaser also handles such outstanding attractions as: Andy Kirk and His Twelve Clouds of Joy; Louis Armstrong and His Orchestra, Roy Eldridge and Band, Don Redmond, and Billy Holliday among others.

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Chicago, Illinois

Jackie Robinson On College All-Star Team

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Jackie Robinson, brilliant University of California at Los Angeles halfback, polled 763,254 votes to land fifteenth in the list of halfbacks for the Chicago Tribune's College All-Star team which plays the world's champion professional Chicago Bears at Soldiers' field, in Chicago, on Wednesday night, August 28.

Archie Harris, University of Indiana varsity end for three years, and Jimmy Smith, Northwestern university end for three years, were twenty-third and twenty-fourth respectively, in the voting for ends. Nine ends were chosen. Seventeen halfbacks were invited to report for training at Northwestern university on August 10.

Lou Montgomery, Boston college halfback was thirty-fourth in the poll.

Robinson went to U.C.L.A. after playing two years at Pasadena Junior college in California. He has been a star on the U.C.L.A. basketball and football teams, also a consistent point winner for the track team. His specialty is the broad jump. He has been picked twice on the Pacific Coast All Star track teams which defeated the Big Ten conference all star aggregation both at Northwestern university and Stanford university.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

19 Years Is A Long Time

Ed Gordon Is Still Around And He's Still Winning

FEB 1 3 1941

If Ed Gordon didn't look so young you could call him the "Old Man of the Track." But you can't very well do that with a fellow who is far from being an aged gaffer even if he has been competing on the cinders for 19 years.

The fans who visited Convention Hall Friday night to view the Pennac Games got a look at Mr. Gordon in the high jump and the hurdles, especially the latter where he finished second to Fed Wolcott, the best man in the country at the event. However, it is not where he finished or how which we are concerned but Mr. Gordon himself.

Any man who is in active competition after so long and so brilliant a career is a man worth knowing something about.

On Olympic Team

Though he no doubt made numerous records for himself back in the days of his youth in his college days when he was on the Iowa team, Gordon reached his climax in 1932 when as a member of the United States Olympic team he won the broad jump.

Since then he has been continuing his efforts and with the rise in popularity of indoor track meets has become one of the standbys of the wooden ways. He is guaranteed to win enough events a season to keep the fellows secure in the knowledge of his existence. As a member of Grand St. Boys Club he is on hand for everything. But the truth remains that he wouldn't be on the indoor programs if he didn't rate being there.

Friday night we got together for a brief chat and in that time Mr. Gordon dished out quite a bit of information.

Loves The Game

First of all he attributed his presence on that track for these many years "to love of the game." Secondly and possibly just as important, he described his regimen of keeping in condition. He likes to walk a lot and, unlike most New Yorkers, never rides if he can walk. Then he plays a lot of handball and tennis and other games which keep his legs in condition.

Mrs. Gordon, who was Edna Gordon before marriage, has an important place in Ed's career. He discusses many of the problems of competition with him and she, a physical education graduate from NYU, helps him decide just what the best plan of attack may be.

Thinks Giddings Brainiest

Gordon is quite definite in his opinion of the younger men who are now burning up the track. He considers Curtis Giddings, the former NYU relay man, as the brainiest runner on the track. Woodruff, Borican, Herbert he puts in one class. "They run themselves out trying to catch the guy in front.

"Giddings, instead, paces himself steadily knowing that sooner or later that the guy who sets the fast pace is going to have to slow down. Then he makes his bid."

The former Iowa star has his own particular way of impressing his rivals. He "psychs" them. When he steps on the track he says, regardless of whether his opponents are the best or worse in the world, "Listen, you guys, I don't care who you are. I'm going to run your hearts out." Nice fellow, eh?

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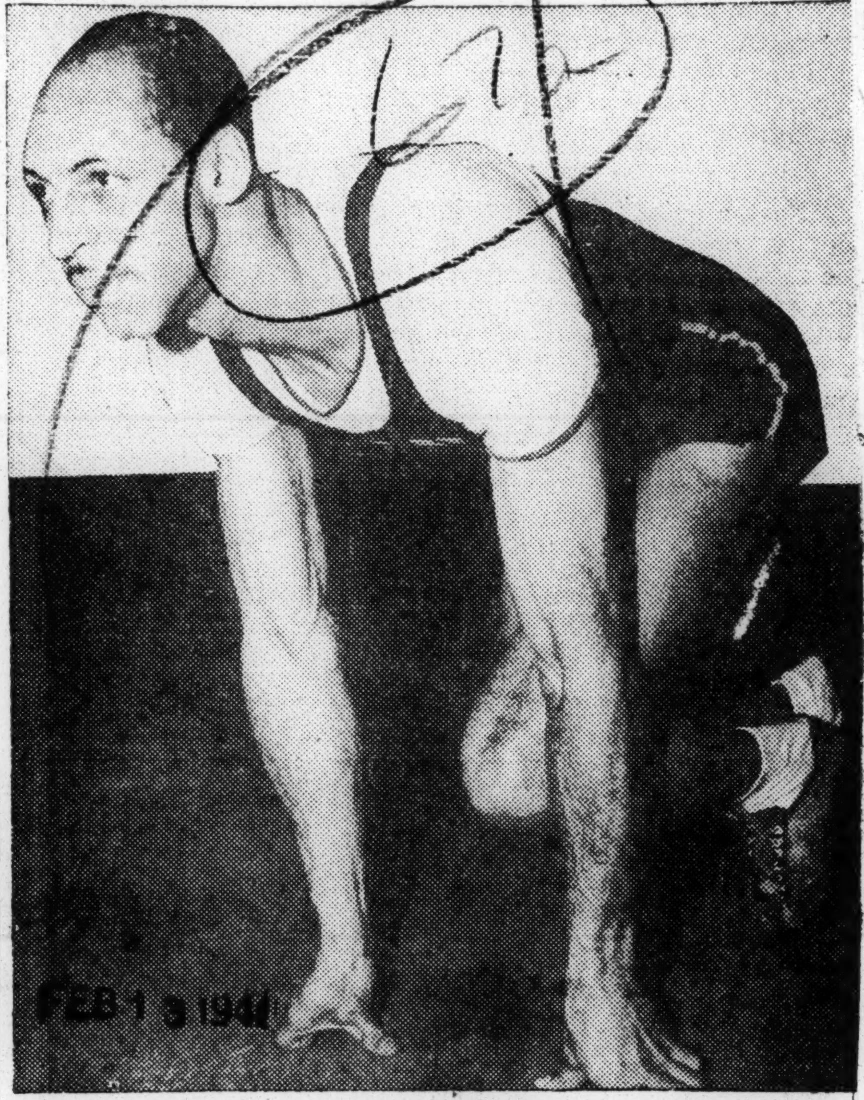
But it must have its points. Brother Gordon is still around—these 19 years. It's a long time!



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ED GORDON

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Players Reveal Refusal To Take Picture of Negro Coach Along with Team

Queensbridge Varsity Refuses to Be Photographed, Protests to Paper—Campaign Starts to Make Discrimination Known

FEB 1 1 1941

By Lester Rodney

One of the most amazing pieces of un-American discrimination ever practiced by a newspaper has come to light as the result of the protest of members of the Queensbridge Varsity Basketball team of Long Island.

Here is the story: The Long Island Star Journal sent a photographer down to take a picture of the Queensbridge team for its sports section. When the photographer saw that the teams' coach, Jeff Goins, was a Negro, he asked the members of the team (all white) to pose without him, inasmuch as the policy of the paper was against photographing a Negro along with a white team."

The shocked members of the team phoned the Long Island Star Journal, where George Burton of the sports department confirmed the photographer's statement. The team indignantly refused to pose at all and the members unanimously signed the following letter to Mr. Newhouse and Mr. Farrell, owner and editor of the paper:

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Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned players of the Queensbridge Varsity Basketball team protest the un-American and un-democratic policy of your paper in discriminating against our Negro coach, Jeff Goins, star of the Brooklyn Flashes.

Your policy of not photographing a Negro along with the members of our all-white team is not the American policy of sportsmanship and fair play which we value over publicity. That is why we refused to pose for your paper. We further do not believe that on the one hand you can shout for "preserving democracy" on the editorial page while on the sport page you practise outright discrimination.

May we state that we intend publicizing your un-American action until you see fit to realize that the L. I. Star Journal is still published in the United States and not in the Third Reich.

(Signed) Queensbridge Varsity Basketball Team
10-25 41st Ave., L. I. C.
Peter Speranza
Bill DiCarlo
Frank Tempone
Jack Masiello
Joseph Pappetti
Michael DePalma
Lawrence Gasparine
Joe Pagin

Members of the Queensbridge team are starting a campaign to publicize the avowed Jim Crow policy of the Star Journal and have sent copies of their letter to all newspapers. They will seek condemnatory action of the newspaper by the Queensbridge Tenants League, both of Long Island City.

So far as is known, this is the first time that a metropolitan daily newspaper has ever openly avowed a Jim Crow policy in taking photographs. And the boys of the team, who as they say value sportsmanship over publicity mean to make that fact known to all Long Island City sports followers.

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Ten Years Makes Big Difference Between Chances of Negro Fighters

"Cocoa Kid," Who Fought Jim-Crow for Chance a Decade Ago, Gets Break a Little Late — Young Beau Jack a Sensation

A young Negro lightweight made a successful debut at Ebbets Field Tuesday night in a preliminary to the Cocoa Kid-Izzy Jannazzo bout, and immediately set fans to visualizing his [illegible] future [illegible] Armstrong.

But another Negro, who was young ten years ago, dropped a close decision in the final—to remind fans that the long, hard battle against Jim Crow (slowly being won when young Negroes can get a spot at Ebbets Field) has ruined the career of many a promising fighter.

The youth was Sidney Walker, who fights under the name of Beau Jack. He scored a technical kayo over Minnie DeMore in three rounds, during which he weaved, crouched and threw punches from all angles in the manner of that great buster of Jim Crow "traditions," three-time champ Henry Armstrong.

The veteran was the Cocoa Kid. Ten years ago he looked like a coming champ. But he never got a chance—because he is a Negro, and because he hits too hard. The Kid batted around the circuit, defeating plenty of good fighters, but was never given a shot at the best welter crown. Even his name (the Cocoa Kid) was an example of the chauvinism he faced. Few people knew him as Louis Hardwick, his real name.

He finally got a "big" opportunity Tuesday night, because Chick Meehan, Ebbets Field promoter, is trying to buck Mike Jacobs, and must take his fighters where he finds them.

It was too late. Not that the Kid didn't put up a strong fight against Izzy Jannazzo (another smart veteran who's pounded the trail a long time). Not that he didn't punch harder than Izzy—hard enough, in fact, so that many fans though the decision was a bad one. But—it was pretty late in the career of a fighter for him to stand o[illegible]on one match. A little too late for the Cocoa Kid. He's still plenty good, and has a lot of high-class fighting left in his fists—and here is hoping he can now cash in on some of that dough that's always avoided his door. F[illegible] the Kid wasn't only fighting Jazz Jannazzo last night. He also took on Jim Crow, the same guy he's been fighting all along.

Maybe Beau Jack will come through where the Cocoa Kid couldn't. The persistent fight against Jim Crow is bringing gradual results. A glance at Beau's board of managers shows that; he is being handled by a conglomeration of sports and entertainment figures, some from the South, including Bobby Jones, Grantland Rice, Frank Craven, Tom Yawkey, Frank Crumit, Richards Vidmer, and others.

The Beau has every chance of developing into a crack fighter. He is sure to be tremendously popular as a result of his buzz-saw style. Prop[illegible]handled[illegible] can go very far. A winner in impressive style in his New York debut, the 20-year-old Atalnta youth earned a spot on the next Ebbets Field card. We predict he won't stop there.

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Albert (Chalky) Wright, a fighter whose career closely resembles that of the Cocoa Kid, continues winning as he prepares for his long-awaited featherweight tittle chance against Joey Archibald at Washington, Sept. 11. Chalky kayoed tough Paco Villa in six rounds at the Queensboro Stadium Tuesday night. Surprise! He gave away only two and three-quarters pounds. Chalky will rest for a coup[illegible] weeks before starting training for the title bout.

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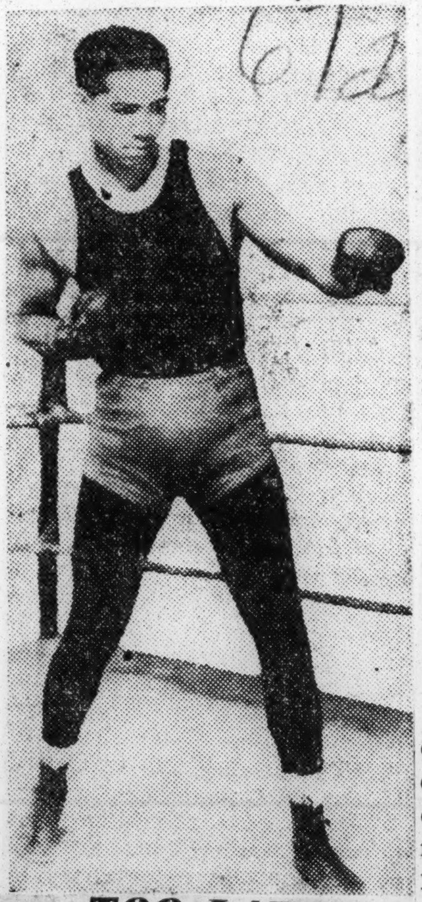
Hidden behind a curly beard, Lou Nova is in light training at Nicatous Lake, Me., for his September special with Joe Louis. Lou plans to be in top-notch shape BEFORE he begins serious workouts.



TOO LATE

The "Cocoa Kid," above, came around in the era before Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong had made it impossible for the boxing business to continue much of its Jim-Crow, and before the organized fight against discrimination in the sports world. Now that he's gotten his chance, he's past his peak.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

SLANTS ON SPORTS

By LUCIUS JONES

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Georgia Open to Attract Cream of Sepia Tennis Stars to Gate City; Pig Greene Told Atlanta All-Stars How to Check Foe

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL Georgia Open Tennis Tournament opening up in Atlanta Tuesday morning on the ABC courts is scheduled to usher into the Gate City an array of the foremost net stars of the nation.

Passing through Atlanta recently, Richard H. Cohen and Robert Ryland, a pair of Xavier University court wizards, intimated that their athletic director, Theodore A. (Ted) Wright, is entering the national singles champion, Jimmy McDaniel, in the meet. The Xavier party was en route to the Pennsylvania Open in Philadelphia at the time.

A preliminary check of the entry blanks received to date, however, did not include the names of Xavier players. However, these entries may be forthcoming before drawing time Tuesday. The Catholics have been off on a long Eastern tour and, no doubt, simply plan to motor all the way to the Gate City before deadline time to sign their blanks.

But as stated at an earlier writing, Prairie View is definitely coming, along with Tuskegee, South Carolina State, Florida, and possibly Xavier, all with full squads, to say nothing of hosts of players in general from various parts of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia New Jersey, and New York.

Foremost among the men's singles players early devel-

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And Will They Miss Him?—

Bill King Ends College Days At L.I. University

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Defender

By FRANK WHITE
(In the N.Y. Post, Jan. 25)

Chicago Ill.

Bill King today was within 40 minutes of ending Long Island university's greatest all-around athletic career. And Coach Clair Bee, King's Blackbird buddies and his roaring rooters viewed that climax with mixed emotions.

They were fearful of L.I.U.'s foes beyond the big Butler boys, parties of the second part Wednesday in King's farewell.

They were dubious about fitting King's replacements, Henry Beenders and Dick Holub, into the finely poised L.I.U. machine.

They were even a mite envious of King's superb physical and mental equipment, tools he'll use to fashion for himself a master's degree and a Board of Education teaching career.

But mostly they were proud.

School's Greatest Athlete

"Bill has been more than a credit to his race and to L.I.U.," said Coach Bee today. "In addition to being the school's greatest athlete, he always has been a gentleman. And that wasn't always easy for the boy, especially with a steady program of football, baseball and basketball sapping his nervous strength and energy."

Nor has King—fans and the Harlem youngsters for whom he does social work call him "Dolly"—ever spared himself from the grind. Eagerly he helped round out shorthanded L.I.U. baseball and football squads for two years and played four years on the court.

Never was he just an ordinary athlete either. He played 60 minutes against Catholic university's gridders two years ago and then played the complete opening basketball game the same night. This year he returned from a Puerto Rican basketball tour and with only three days of grid practice played in the opener against Brooklyn college, winning the game by catching a touchdown pass. He had two days' court practice before this year's opener.

Wednesday's collegiate farewell is no tip either that King is eager to quit that grind. True, he will pass up another season of baseball eligibility before his June graduation to concentrate on studies, but he will not be idle. He has signed for a series of basketball exhibitions in Washington, Baltimore and Saratoga Springs because—"well, he needs the money."

Giving up baseball was made less difficult, too, by King's own recognition that although he could sock 'em a mile he was no Bill Dickey under the bat and no Joe DiMaggio when it came to throwing long ones in from the outfield. This quiet, non-smoking, non-drinking giant of the basketball courts knows his own limitations.

Basketball His Game

Long ago he realized that basketball was his vehicle for true stardom. During three varsity years with the Blackbirds that also has been learned by such players as Bob Kinney of Rice, Elmer Gainer of DePaul, Bill Lacey of Duquesne, Joe Jackson of New Mexico's Aggies, Max Hindman of Michigan State, Archie Marshik of Oregon and Bill Hamilton of Butler, whom he meets again Wednesday. Each of them was hobbled by King's defensive deftness and ability to control rebounds off the backboard.

While thwarting these scoring stars, Big Bill also has gone along building up his average of 8.5 points per game with 897 points in 105 games. He has appeared in 22 Garden games, seven of them in championship tourneys, and always has been at his best in the pinch. In fact, his greatest thrill came, he says, two years ago when he tied the score at 50-all in the final seconds against Oregon and won the game with a foul throw in the overtime.

Replacing him will be difficult because, after all, Bee cannot use both Beenders and Holub at the same time and both have weaknesses King long since overcame. Beenders, a 6-foot-5 junior, has his defensive flaws and Holub, 6-foot-6 soph, still needs polish.

Just the same best wishes will go with King from Bee and the Blackbirds.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Eagle Columnist Hits NYU'S Exclusion Of Coward In N. C. Game

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The jim-crow policy which characterized New York University's obstinate refusal to play Jim Coward, the school's great Negro star in the North Carolina game got a pretty terrific drubbing at the hands of Ed Hughes, sports commentator for the Brooklyn Eagle.

In his column on Wednesday Hughes observed:

"NYU which has majored in humiliating its crack Negro athletes, is making another sickening capitulation to Jim Crow. Last Fall it was the Len Bates case, when the Violet grid authorities refused to take its colored star to the Missouri game played in the South. Now it is Jim Coward, Negro basketball star, who is the target of Violet racial discrimination.

"In this case, NYU can't wield the miserable excuse that the Southerners have objected to a Negro. In fact North Carolina protests that Coward should be played."

Lambasting the statement of Chancellor Chase of the school that "the time has not yet arrived when Southern schools can be asked to play against Negro players," Hughes retorted, "It is later than the Chancellor thinks. In fact, it's long since time that NYU adopted a policy of equal rights for Negroes and whites in sports."

Murfreesboro, Tenn., News-Journal
February 2, 1941

Holloway High Awards Letters To 12 Players

Twelve members of the football squad of Holloway Negro High School received letters Friday night at the "congratulatory" banquet served by the Parent-Teachers Association of Bradley Academy.

James Johnson, principal of the Pulaski Negro High School, was the principal speaker and the championship trophy of the Middle Tennessee Conference was awarded to Holloway.

S. G. Greene, principal of the school and toastmaster, presented letters to Joe Vaughn, Jr., William Winrow, Roger Brown, Robert Rucker, Willie Lewis, Jr., Isaac Crawford, James Reece, Richard Woodard, Clem Richardson, Joe Brown, Paul Stephenson and Eugene Johnson.

In addition, Crawford received the Euwell Willis award presented by his niece, Mary Willis. A scholastic award to be presented at the conclusion of the 1941 season was given by the DAILY NEWS JOURNAL.

Other awards included that of the Rutherford Courier — Allen Cheeter Stockard to G. K. Kersey for his leadership and the Sub-Deb award to Eugene Johnson for the most outstanding play of the season.

The E. C. Holloway Memorial Trophy was presented to Joe Vaughn, Jr., captain of the team, by Coach R. T. Butler.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

Negro Baseball

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THE ninth annual Negro East-West baseball classic held at Comiskey Park Sunday gave thinking Negroes something to opine about when baseball fans packed the park to witness the athletic prowess of the best we have to offer in the season's most popular sport. The fans received as many, if not more, thrills at the classic as they would have received in a world series encounter between the white leagues and besides they had the satisfaction of knowing that the bulk of the profits will go to benefit deserving colored players and Negro business. They saw the hero of Negro baseball, Satchel Paige, who can out-pitch and out-act any player the white leagues have produced during our generation. While they looked at his exhibition they wondered why the white race did not take advantage of such unusual talent.

Whether Satchel Paige ever pitches in the white league or not is not the object of this editorial. We prefer to see the Negro leagues corral such a following among our people that all deserving players may get a break consistent with their athletic abilities than to lose too much sleep over building up the attendance of the white leagues which will certainly come to pass if and when some of our baseball idols get an opportunity to hurl a few loping, curving, sidesweeping slow-balls at white leaguers.

The Sunday game convinced us that the Negro National and American leagues can build up a following among baseball fans that will insure black figures on the proper side of the ledger. They play to a people who are sport fans and who take their baseball seriously. They play to an enthusiastic crowd that is willing to pay a reasonable fee to see good, clean sport played in a good, clean manner.

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Efficient management, careful selection of players and plenty publicity will inure to the benefit of the colored leagues and will lessen the quantity of gray hairs in the heads of players and owners.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

XAVIER COPS SIAC CROWN AT TOURNEY

MAR 7 - 1941

Gold Rush Runs String to Thirty-one Consecutive Victories

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.— The eighth annual installment of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball tournament was brought to a record smashing close here Saturday night as Xavier University of New Orleans trounced Tuskegee in the finals, 34 to 27.

Witnessed by more than 4,000 fans, the final evening of activity found Xavier, Tuskegee, Clark and Florida—seeded 1-2-3-4 —finishing precisely in that manner. Clark defeated Florida in the consolation, 43 to 37.

These four talented teams had put nine other SIAC clans to flight in the threeday eliminaions. South Carolina A. and M., Lane, Fisk and Knoxville of Tennessee; Talladega and Alabama State; Morirs Brown and Morehouse of Atlanta, along with Benedict of Columbia, S. C., were scuttled in Wednesday's 12 consecutive hours of play.

Xavier brought a 1941 record of 27 consecutive wins to the meet, 18 of theme in pure SIAC contests, and took Lane, Morris Brown, Clark and Tuskegee, 48-38, 39-31, 37-32 and 34-27 respectively.

The gold clad Catholics thereby became the first SIAC team ever to play and win four games in a single SIAC tourney. Coached by the Wright brothers, Giles and Theodore, the "Gold Rush" has won three of the last four SIAC nods—bagging firsts in 1938 and 1939.

MAR 7 - 1941

The Decisive Game

The famous Louisianans tore into Tuskegee's stormy, fast breaking them from the first whistle and led 12-2 in the first six minutes of play. Crozier had five of these early points while Smith tossed Tuskegee's lone basket.

Terrific defensive play retarded both offenses during the next seven minutes but Xavier outpaced the losers, 5-4, for a 17-6 point lead and 6½ minutes left ot half time.

In these final minutes it was Tuskegee that took the initiative as Hornburger's 3, Smith's 3 and Brinkley's 2 points totaled 8 to Xavier's 4. The half ended, 21-14.

The first five minutes of the second half, carefully, cautiously played, saw each team nail a single goal as Crozier and Porter each deuced to make it 2-2. Tuskegee did not get a single goal in the next 6 minutes and were outpaced, 4 to 3, as the victors led, 27 to 9.

Tuskegee's Rally

Four minutes later with five minutes left to play, the titans still were echoing each other— Thomas nailing two goals for Xavier in rebuttal for single goals by Porter and Hornburger of Tuskegee. Xavier led, 31 to 23.

In the final five minutes Thomas as Hornburger's one-man uprising garnered four big points to Xavier's 1, a gratis by Crozier, but on the last coup of the game, Eldridge Williams, in for Xavier's ALL-SIAC Lucius Thomas, hooked the final goal of the evening.

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Clark university's cardinal clad, champions of 1940, defeated Florida again this year in the consolation while a year ago they defeated the Orangemen in the finals.

Abbey Henderson, one the standed out a meteoric Clark career with out SIAC forwards of history, closing 21 points via nine baskets and three free tosses. In three games he tossed 51 points for 17 points average per game. Xavier's Crozier had 63 for four games. Tuskegee's Smith had 44 followed by Young er of Clark with 38 in three.

Colorful demonstrations during half-time interims, kept the guests entertained in spacious Logan hall. Boxing, calistenics, gymnastics and aesthetic dancing featured. Summary of the championship and consolaion games follow:

Xavier (34)	B	F	P
Crozier, f	4	4	3
Thomas, f	5	1	4
Hall, g	0	1	2
King, c	1	1	4
Sum'ers,g	2	0	2
Epps	0	0	1
Harris	0	1	4
O.Willi'ms	0	0	0
E.Willi'ms	1	0	2
Totals	13	8	22

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Smith, f	2	2	2
Brinkley, f	1	1	4
Hornb'er,c	3	5	3
Perry, g	0	0	3
Johnson, g	1	1	0
Porter	2	0	1
Culver	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	13

Officials: Refere: Leroy Easterly (Wilberforce); Umpire: * G. H. Lennon (Bluefield). *Due to physical disability, relieved by B. T. Harvey (Colgate) in second half.

Time-keeper: John H. Brown (Virginia Union); scorer: Theopolis C. Cottrell (Tuskegee); announcer: Nelson S. Brooks (Tuskegee).

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELCTIONS
First Team

Player	School	Position
Frank Crozier	Xavier	Forward
Wilson Smith	Tuskegee	Forward
Wince King	Xavier	Center
Clarence Younger	Clark	Guard
Albert Henderson	Clark	Guard

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Nashville, Tenn.

4,500 Fans Witness Eighth Annual S. I. A. C. Classic

Clark Drops Florida 43-37 In Consolation Game For 3rd Place

By H. A. Boyd, II.

MAR 7 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.— The vaunted "Gold Rush" of Xavier University extended its winning blitzkrieg to 31 consecutive games by defeating the Tigers of Tuskegee 34-27 in he SIACC finals to walk away for the third time with the much cherished conference crown. The sharp-shooting, smooth-working Louisianans started from the opening gong to prove to a capacity crowd of some 4,500 spectators that they were the masters of the situation by registering 12 points in the first six minutes of play, while the fast-breaking Tigers were held to a lone basket, tossed in by Smith, the Tuskegee ace.

Paced by Crozier and Thomas the accurate shooting Xavierites broke through the Tiger defense with all manner of ease and with six and one-half minutes left to half time, led by a 17-6 count. In these final minutes it was Tuskegee that took initiative as Hornburger's 3, Smith's 3, and Brinkley's 2 points totaled 8 to Xavier's 4. At this point the half ended with Xavier nourishing a 21-14 lead.

The second half found both quintets playing carefully and cautiously, but the Tiger offense began to click; however, they were matched basket for basket by Crozier and Thomas who continued to pace the inspired Xavierites. Smith, Brinkley and Hornburger out-smarted the "Gold Rush" many times by faking their man out of position and breaking fast under the basket only to see their favorite crip shots circle the rim and fall floorward. At this point Hornburger began his one-man uprise for the Tigers and succeeded in registering four points before he was checked. During this wild fury Thomas, King and Harris fouled out but the Tigers failed to take advanatge of their free tosses and the count stood at 31-23 with Xavier cherishing an 8-point lead. Smith, who was bottled up for most of the night but accounted for six of the Tigers' points, was removed from the game, and with him went Tuskegee's hopes of victory.

With three minutes left to play the Tigers began to shoot from the middle of the hardwood in a desperate effort to snatch a victory out of what looked to be certain defeat. The game ended while they trailed 34-27. Xavier won the game and the championship, but both teams played a perfectly paced second half 14-14 as the "Gold Rush's" first half margin was preserved.

Semi Finals

Led by "Smitty", the fast-breaking, sharp-shooting Tiger forward, Tuskegee shook hands with the Florida "Rattlers" in the first game of the semi-finals and proceeded to out-point them 48-44. Smith was high-point man with 22, and Hornburger played the runner-up role with 14. Sadd, Florida's ace center, was kept well covored; thus he was held to two field goals for a measly 4 points.

Clark, the defending champs of the tournament, fought an uphill battle, but unnerved Xavier with her speed and accuracy and threw a big scare into the "Gold Rush's" camp as "Sonny" Younger and "Abbey" Henderson dropped in bull's eye shots from mid-court to keep the many spectators howling as Xavier began to freeze the ball to stave off defeat. With the score 34-32 Clark committed three fouls, Crozier sank two free throws and Hall one; thus Xavier lengthened her lead to 37-32. From this point Xavier succeeded in freezing the ball and the game ended with Xavier on the long end of a 37-32 count.

Quarter Finals

In the initial game of the quarter finals the Clark "Panthers" defeated the "Bulldogs" of Benedict 56-36. Tuskegee's quintet clawed their way to a comparatively easy win over the Fisk Bulldogs 45-31 in the second fracas of the evening; while the Xavier team was extended to down the stubborn "Wolverines" of Morris Brown 39-31. The final game of the evening found South Carolina State who had two players ineligible and only four on the floor, falling before Florida 55-41.

Preliminary Results

In a battle between two Bulldog quintets Fisk eliminated Knoxville by a 36-35 score. South Carolina State downed Talladega 45-35 Morris Brown annihilated Morehouse 48-31, and the "Gold Rush" of Xavier lived up to expectations by defeating Lane 48-38. The 'Bama State Hornets fell before the rush of Florida 40-31 in the evening's curtain-dropping contest.

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Nashville, Tenn.

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Gold Rush Runs String to Thirty-one Consecutive Victories

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.— The eighth annual installment of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball tournament was brought to a record smashing close here Saturday night as Xavier University of New Orleans trounced Tuskegee in the finals, 34 to 27.

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These four talented teams had put nine other SIAC clans to flight in the threeday eliminaions. South Carolina A. and M., Lane, Fisk and Knoxville of Tennessee; Talladega and Alabama State; Morirs Brown and Morehouse of Atlanta, along with Benedict of Columbia, S. C., were scuttled in Wednesday's 12 consecutive hours of play.

Xavier brought a 1941 record of 27 consecutive wins to the meet, 18 of theme in pure SIAC contests, and took Lane, Morris Brown, Clark and Tuskegee, 48-38, 39-31, 37-32 and 34-27 respectively.

The gold clad Catholics thereby became the first SIAC team ever to play and win four games in a single SIAC tourney. Coached by the Wright brothers, Giles and Theodore, the "Gold Rush" has won three of the last four SIAC nods—bagging firsts in 1938 and 1939.

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The Decisive Game

The famous Louisianans tore into Tuskegee's stormy, fast breaking them from the first whistle and led 12-2 in the first six minutes of play. Crozier had five of these early points while Smith tossed Tuskegee's lone basket.

Terrific defensive play retarded both offenses during the next seven minutes but Xavier outpaced the losers, 5-4, for a 17-6 point lead and 6½ minutes left ot half time.

In these final minutes it was Tuskegee that took the initiative as Hornburger's 3, Smith's 3 and Brinkley's 2 points totaled 8 to Xavier's 4. The half ended, 21-14.

The first five minutes of the second half, carefully, cautiously played, saw each team nail a single goal as Crozier and Porter each deuced to make it 2-2. Tuskegee did not get a single goal in the next 6 minutes and were outpaced, 4 to 3, as the victors led, 27 to 9.

Tuskegee's Rally

Four minutes later with five minutes left to play, the titans still were echoing each other—Thomas nailing two goals for Xavier in rebuttal for single goals by Porter and Hornburger of Tuskegee. Xavier led, 31 to 23.

In the final five minutes Thomas as Hornburger's one-man uprising garnered four big points to Xavier's 1, a gratis by Crozier, but on the last coup of the game, Eldridge Williams, in for Xavier's ALL-SIAC Lucius Thomas, hooked the final goal of the evening.

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Clark university's cardinal clad, champions of 1940, defeated Florida again this year in the consolation while a year ago they defeated the Orangemen in the finals.

Abbey Henderson, one the standed out a meteoric Clark career with out SIAC forwards of history, closing 21 points via nine baskets and three free tosses. In three games he tossed 51 points for 17 points average per game. Xavier's Crozier had 63 for four games. Tuskegee's Smith had 44 followed by Young er of Clark with 38 in three.

Colorful demonstrations during half-time interims, kept the guests entertained in spacious Logan hall. Boxing, calistenics, gymnastics and aesthetic dancing featured. Summary of the championship and consolaion games follow:

Xavier (34)	B	F	P	Tuskegee (27)	B	F	P
Crozier, f	4	4	3	Smith, f	2	2	2
Thomas, f	5	1	4	Brinkley, f	1	1	4
Hall, g	0	1	2	Hornb'er,c	3	5	3
King, c	1		1	Perry, g	0	0	3
Sum'ers,g	2	0	2	Johnson, g	1	1	0
Epps	0	0	1	Porter	2	0	1
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Officials: Refere: Leroy Easterly (Wilberforce); Umpire: * G. H. Lennon (Bluefield). *Due to physical disability, relieved by B. T. Harvey (Colgate) in second half.

Time-keeper: John H. Brown (Virginia Union); scorer: Theopolis C. Cottrell (Tuskegee); announcer: Nelson S. Brooks (Tuskegee).

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELCTIONS

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Wilson Smith	Tuskegee	Forward
Wince King	Xavier	Center
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Paced by Crozier and Thomas the accurate shooting Xavierites broke through the Tiger defense with all manner of ease and with six and one-half minutes left to half time, led by a 17-6 count. In these final minutes it was Tuskegee that took initiative as Hornburger's 3, Smith's 3, and Brinkley's 2 points totaled 8 to Xavier's 4. At this point the half ended with Xavier nourishing a 21-14 lead.

The second half found both quintets playing carefully and cautiously, but the Tiger offense began to click; however, they were matched basket for basket by Crozier and Thomas who continued to pace the inspired Xavierites. Smith, Brinkley and Hornburger out-smarted the "Gold Rush" many times by faking their man out of position and breaking fast under the basket only to see their favorite crip shots circle the rim and fall floorward. At this point Hornburger began his one-man uprise for the Tigers and succeeded in registering four points before he was checked. During this wild fury Thomas, King and Harris fouled out but the Tigers failed to take advanatge of their free tosses and the count stood at 31-23 with Xavier cherishing an 8-point lead. Smith, who was bottled up for most of the night but accounted for six of the Tigers' points, was removed from the game, and with him went Tuskegee's hopes of victory.

With three minutes left to play the Tigers began to shoot from the middle of the hardwood in a desperate effort to snatch a victory out of what looked to be certain defeat. The game ended while they trailed 34-27. Xavier won the game and the championship, but both teams played a perfectly paced second half 14-14 as the "Gold Rush's" first half margin was preserved.

Semi Finals

Led by "Smitty", the fast-breaking, sharp-shooting Tiger forward, Tuskegee shook hands with the Florida "Rattlers" in the first game of the semi-finals and proceeded to out-point them 48-44. Smith was high-point man with 22, and Hornburger played the runner-up role with 14. Sadd, Florida's ace center, was kept well covored; thus he was held to two field goals for a measly 4 points.

Clark, the defending champs of the tournament, fought an uphill battle, but unnerved Xavier with her speed and accuracy and threw a big scare into the "Gold Rush's" camp as "Sonny" Younger and "Abbey" Henderson dropped in bull's eye shots from mid-court to keep the many spectators howling as Xavier began to freeze the ball to stave off defeat. With the score 34-32 Clark committed three fouls, Crozier sank two free throws and Hall one; thus Xavier lengthened her lead to 37-32. From this point Xavier succeeded in freezing the ball and the game ended with Xavier on the long end of a 37-32 count.

Quarter Finals

In the initial game of the quarter finals the Clark "Panthers" defeated the "Bulldogs" of Benedict 56-36. Tuskegee's quintet clawed their way to a comparatively easy win over the Fisk Bulldogs 45-31 in the second fracas of the evening; while the Xavier team was extended to down the stubborn "Wolverines" of Morris Brown 39-31. The final game of the evening found South Carolina State who had two players ineligible and only four on the floor, falling before Florida 55-41.

Preliminary Results

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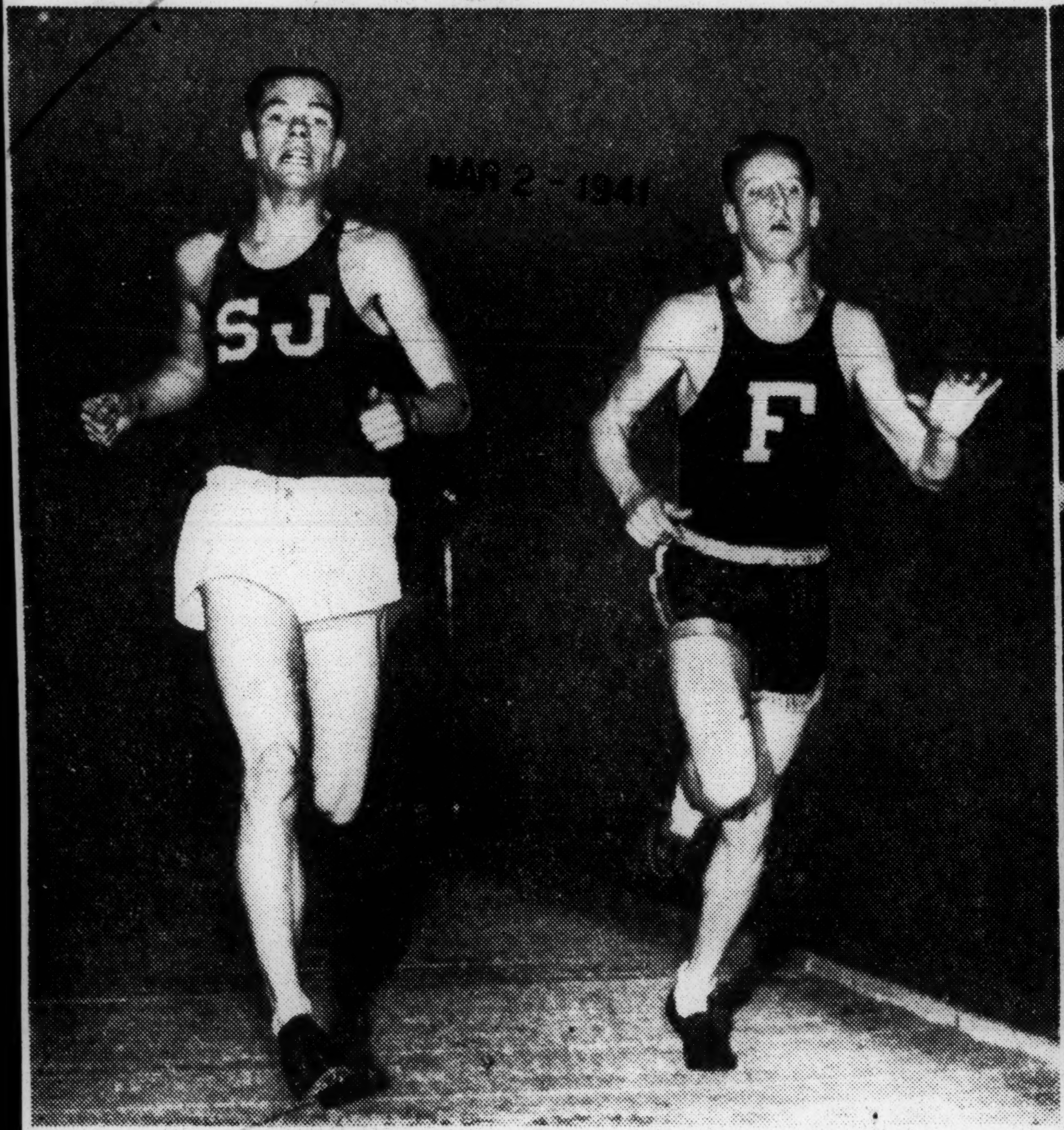
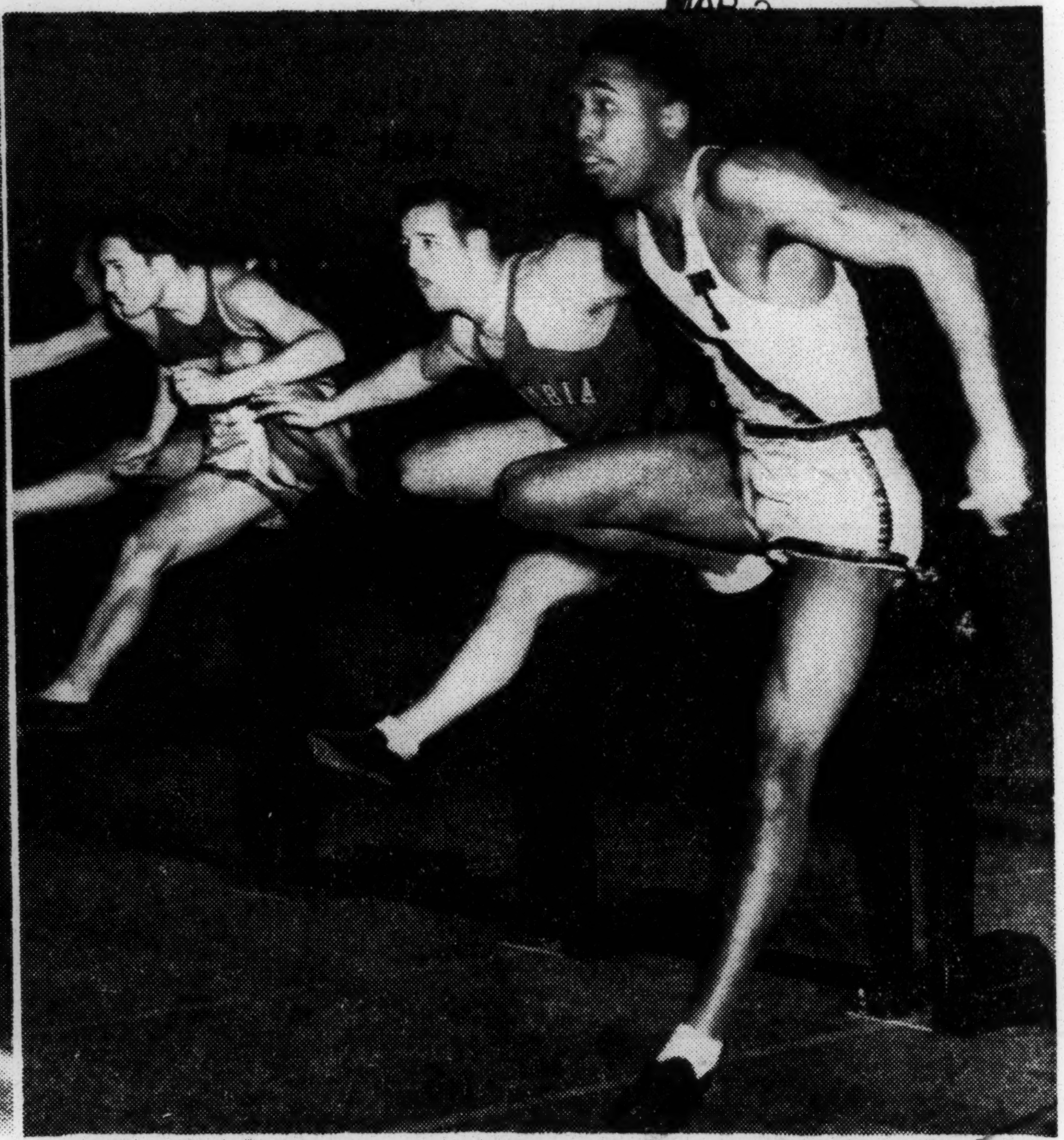


O'Leary of St. John's beating Leary of Fordham in second heat of the 1,000-yard run



Dugger (foreground), the winner, leading the field in first heat of 60-yard hurdles

The Daily Worker
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NYU Athletic Head Answers Students Protesting Against Jim Crow by Throwing Them Out

MAR 5 1941

COUNCIL FOR EQUALITY REFUSED PETITION RIGHTS

Representatives of the Council for Student Equality at New York University were yesterday physically ejected from the office of athletic director Phillip O. Badger and denied the right to circulate petitions protesting the Jim - Crowing of NYU's Negro track stars. MAR 5 1941

This open suppression of student rights is the culmination of the University administration's policy of discrimination in sports, which has now taken in football, basketball and track in rapid succession despite the protests of the vast majority of the NYU student body, coaches, players and educators of other schools.

The student delegates went to Badger's office to protest against the edict that would leave all the Negro track members, including indoor captain George Hagans at home while the rest of the team participated in the Catholic University meet at Washington, D. C., on March 20. The Council for Student Equality was formed during the discrimination against Len Bates, football player and was successful in gathering more than 3,500 signatures on petitions in the school cafeteria.

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Members of the Council said yesterday that they would take the case to the student body, who already have twice voted down the discriminatory policies of the administration.

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TOLEDO PLAYERS WHO WILL FACE L. I. U. ON GARDEN COURT

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Coach Harold Anderson, Bobby Nash, George Grailer, Bart Quinn, Bob Gerber, Jim Grant and Captain Marshall Carlson, who will be seen in one game of a doubleheader at the Garden on Wednesday night. In the other contest the N. Y. U. basketball team is slated to meet Temple.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

Lem Franklin Wins In Omaha By Knockout

MAR 16 1941

OMAHA, Neb., Mar. 13—In one of the shortest main events ever to be held in Omaha, Lem Franklin, Cleveland, knocked out Carl Vincequerra of Omaha last Monday night at the City Auditorium in 1 minute and 32 seconds of the first round. While over 4,000 boxing fans watched tensely, Franklin went to work on Vincequerra as soon as the gong sounded for the first round. Vincequerra was the first out of his corner and proceeded to throw a volley of punches, two of which partially landed on Lem's rugged jaw. Then Franklin threw a left hook which landed directly amidship. Carl doubled up and then Franklin hit him flush on the chin with a straight right cross and Carl fell to the canvas and remained there to take a count of seven from Referee Alex Fidler.

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In the semi-windup, Roscoe Smith, a hard-punching boy and former Golden Gloves champion, who has won all his fights by K. O. since turning professional, stopped Jim Gardner of St. Paul in the first round. Smith hit Gardner in the solar plexus with a left hand and Gardner sank to the canvas where he took a count of nine and then got to his feet only to be hit with a straight left to the solar plexus and dropped to the canvas where he stayed until revived a few minutes later by his seconds. MAR 16 1941

Promoter Max Clayton will try to match Lem with some worthy contender in Omaha in the near future.

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It was a round that long will be remembered by the thousands who thronged the Garden. With both eyes closing and his face a bloody smear, Armstrong, for the first time during the fight, was the old Armstrong, a human dynamo, moving relentlessly forward, throwing punches in a steady, angry, desperate stream, fighting his heart out. For two full minutes he was strangely young and vibrant again, a pulse-beating picture of the youngster who came here years ago to amaze ringsiders with his inexhaustible stamina and insolent indifference to punishment. It was as if the fates, with pen poised in hand to write finis to a remarkable career, had gracefully agreed to give the little Negro one more taste of the glory he used to know.

This was one of the few rounds he won all night. Groping his way across the crimson splattered canvas he crowded Zivic into a neutral corner and bent his rib-embossed body with cruel punches. One blow followed another. They landed in a continuous flow. All of a sudden Zivic, who had been winning much as he pleased, found himself trapped by a savage, desperate, dead game opponent. He held on until he could maneuver the fighting closer to mid-ring and then he broke and back tracked until his head cleared and he could readjust himself to the violence which was breaking all around him. But by this time the Armstrong fury had spent its course. This almost superhuman effort to redeem a lost cause in one round was too taxing an assignment, even for so brave and willing a fighter. By now his arms and legs were weary and his breath was coming in agonizing gusts and Zivic was back on the attack stabbing at his eyes and snapping his head back with uppercuts.

This clearly was the end, but the referee, in respect for the gallant try Armstrong had made, decided to let him start another round. It was a nice gesture, but the little Negro was unable to give it any body or substance. He had made his last stand and when Zivic began to pepper his face and pound his body again the referee stepped between the two and stopped it, so Armstrong at least had the satisfaction of finishing on his feet. Back in the dressing room he said

he was through, that he wouldn't fight again, that the condition of his eyes made it too dangerous.

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Another Great Fighter Completes Cycle.

And so another great fighter, certainly great in his own way, somewhat freakish, but effective enough as long as he had his stamina, completed the inevitable cycle. It must come to all of them in time. Zivic proved his triumph last October was no fluke. Even if his eyes hadn't been cut, all Armstrong could have hoped for last night was to last the distance. Time and one hard, bruising fight after another, had taken too much out of him.

It was apparent from the start Armstrong had faded. He scarcely landed a blow in the first round, what was more surprising, he seldom started one. This wasn't like the Armstrong who characteristically swarmed all over his man from first gong to last. It seemed Zivic couldn't miss him with a jab and he had little difficulty landing with rights to the head. Before the first round was over Armstrong was spitting blood. Zivic was effective both in close and at long range. He performed a surgical operation on Armstrong's eyes with his long left jab. It was amazing how often he was able to land with short, choppy uppercuts in close. He would bend low under Armstrong's guard, carefully draw a bead and open fire. These jabs and uppercuts ultimately wrecked Armstrong's features.

Zivic's poise and versatility of attack were noteworthy. His most punishing blow was a left hook to the belly—usually the punch with which Armstrong discouraged his opposition. A right-hander to the body in the sixth landed with such power and shock that Armstrong's feet were knocked from under him and he dropped to the floor, only to get up almost on the instant. In the ninth Zivic staggered him with a one-two punch to the jaw. These were the highlights—along with the bloody 11th which saw Armstrong pass into the shadows a heroic figure.

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It was a round that long will be remembered by the thousands who thronged the Garden. With both eyes closing and his face a bloody smear, Armstrong, for the first time during the fight, was the old Armstrong, a human dynamo, moving relentlessly forward, throwing punches in a steady, angry, desperate stream, fighting his heart out. For two full minutes he was strangely young and vibrant again, a pulse-beating picture of the youngster who came here years ago to amaze ringsiders with his inexhaustible stamina and insolent indifference to punishment. It was as if the fates, with pen poised in hand to write finis to a remarkable career, had gracefully agreed to give the little Negro one more taste of the glory he used to know.

This was one of the few rounds he won all night. Groping his way across the crimson splattered canvas he crowded Zivic into a neutral corner and bent his rib-embossed body with cruel punches. One blow followed another. They landed in a continuous flow. All of a sudden Zivic, who had been winning much as he pleased, found himself trapped by a savage, desperate, dead game opponent. He held on until he could maneuver the fighting closer to mid-ring and then he broke and back tracked until his head cleared and he could readjust himself to the violence which was breaking all around him. But by this time the Armstrong fury had spent its course. This almost superhuman effort to redeem a lost cause in one round was too taxing an assignment, even for so brave and willing a fighter. By now his arms and legs were weary and his breath was coming in agonizing gusts and Zivic was back on the attack stabbing at his eyes and snapping his head back with uppercuts.

This clearly was the end, but the referee, in respect for the gallant try Armstrong had made, decided to let him start another round. It was a nice gesture, but the little Negro was unable to give it any body or substance. He had made his last stand and when Zivic began to pepper his face and pound his body again the referee stepped between the two and stopped it, so Armstrong at least had the satisfaction of finishing on his feet. Back in the dressing room he said he was through, that he wouldn't fight again, that the condition of his eyes made it too dangerous.

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Another Great Fighter Completes Cycle.

And so another great fighter, certainly great in his own way, somewhat freakish, but effective enough as long as he had his stamina, completed the inevitable cycle. It must come to all of them in time. Zivic proved his triumph last October was no fluke. Even if his eyes hadn't been cut, all Armstrong could have hoped for last night was to last the distance. Time and one hard, bruising fight after another, had taken too much out of him.

It was apparent from the start Armstrong had faded. He scarcely landed a blow in the first round, what was more surprising, he seldom started one. This wasn't like the Armstrong who characteristically swarmed all over his man from first gong to last. It seemed Zivic couldn't miss him with a jab and he had little difficulty landing with rights to the head. Before the first round was over Armstrong was spitting blood. Zivic was effective both in close and at long range. He performed a surgical operation on Armstrong's eyes with his long left jab. It was amazing how often he was able to land with short, choppy uppercuts in close. He would bend low under Armstrong's guard, carefully draw a bead and open fire. These jabs and uppercuts ultimately wrecked Armstrong's features.

Zivic's poise and versatility of attack were noteworthy. His most punishing blow was a left hook to the belly—usually the punch with which Armstrong discouraged his opposition. A right-hander to the body in the sixth landed with such power and shock that Armstrong's feet were knocked from under him and he dropped to the floor, only to get up almost on the instant. In the ninth Zivic staggered him with a one-two punch to the jaw. These were the highlights—along with the bloody 11th which saw Armstrong pass into the shadows a heroic figure.

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New York, N. Y.

DREYER IS WINNER IN WEIGHT THROW AT NATIONAL MEET

N. Y. A. C. Ace Makes a Toss of 55 Feet 8¼ Inches to Take U. S. Title for 4th Time

ST. JOHN'S TEAM SHINES

FEB 23 1941

Does 3:20.8 in a Mile Relay Trial—Georgetown Cubs Lead N. Y. U. to Wire

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By ARTHUR J. DALEY

Henry Dreyer of the New York A. C., now reduced to a svelte 225 pounds from the 240 displacement he had when he first won the title, captured the 35-pound weight throw for the fourth time yesterday as the national A. A. U. track and field championships began with the lone matineee final at Aylward's Riding Academy.

Big Hank launched a toss of 55 feet 8¼ inches on his second try and then defied all the other whales to match him. Norman Wilcox of Rhode Island State became the runner-up with 54 feet 11½ inches of his final throw.

Stanley Johnson, Maine graduate; Irving Folwartshny, New York A. C.; Niles Perkins, Maine freshman ineligible and the defending champion, and Ed Wilken of Columbia followed in the scoring.

This was an exceptionally well matched field in ability and in size, with the 6-foot 5-inch Dreyer reclaiming the title he had yielded to Perkins in an upset last year. But this competition, despite the fact that it was a final, could not compare in thrills and the uniform excellence of performance with the trials which were held in four events at Madison Square Garden.

Simmons Does 1:13.8

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There was a sizzling 3:20.8 mile relay by St. John's, a more extraordinary 3:24.5 by the Georgetown freshmen in an easy lope where no one ran his hardest; a thousand in 2:14.1 by John Borican and a neat 1:13.8 for 600 yards by Bob Simmons of Nebraska. These were the high spots of an exceptional set of trials.

The mile relay caused a few raised eyebrows because neither of the twin favorites, Fordham and N.Y.U., was able to win its trial. Furthermore, neither looked like a ball of fire while it was at it. However, each qualified even though it took a 49-second anchor leg by Sophomore Jack Campbell to lift the Rams into the final.

Campbell ran so beautifully that he forced St. John's to equal the fastest Garden relay of the season, a dazzling 3:20.8, not far from the N. Y. U. championship record of 3:20.3. The Maroon youngster was only a yard in back of Al MacDowell of the Redmen at the wire, mainly because he tried to sneak through on the inside. Had the championship itself been at stake perhaps Campbell might have taken the overland route to victory. But there was no need and he didn't try.

Seton Hall Gets the Jump

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This was the more exciting of the two trials. Johnny McHugh was lax in the start and allowed Seton Hall to make a rousing getaway, with St. John's second and Fordham third. Incidentally, Red Struble, Ram lead-off man during the Maroon's string of seven straight victories, was on the sidelines with a slight muscle pull and Bob Fallon handled the job.

At the first touch Seton Hall had a yard on St. John's, with Fordham third, two yards back. The Jerseyites made it eight on the second and six on the third, with Campbell another five yards to the rear. With one lap to go the Redmen wrested the advantage from the Setonians and Campbell took second in the backstretch.

The real eye-opening performance of the mile relay was the job turned in by the Georgetown freshmen, who lived up to advance notices that had said they were faster than the Hoya varsity. The team of Al Rogers, Hugh James, Hugh Short and Lou Collado actually loafed through a 3:24.5 effort in beating N. Y. U. and Rhode Island State. A fine anchor leg by Harold Bogrow gave the Violet the edge over the New Englanders.

So it was the Georgetown freshmen, N. Y. U., Fordham and St. John's that qualified for the final. Seton Hall A. A. got fifth place and Rhode Island State sixth place in the final on a time basis.

Woodruff in 1941 Debut

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The sprint medley relay heats were not distinguished by exceptional times, but they did have one feature to set them apart from any other Garden race this season. That was the 1941 debut of Long John Woodruff, the Olympic 800-meter champion, who ran a 440-yard leg for the 369th Coast Artillery combination.

However, Lieutenant Woodruff found himself overmatched, since his rival on the lead-off leg of the third heat was Campbell, the newest Fordham flash. But Long John unwrapped his long legs to finish only two yards back of the Ram ace as his team qualified for the final. Campbell, Al Glen, Hugh Bennett and Bob Winn streaked to an easy victory in 1:56.2, with the soldiers having the fastest time of all the second-place teams to qualify for the final.

An N. Y. U. quartet of Bogrow, Jared Fangboner, George Hagans and Dave Lawyer won the first heat in 1:57.5. St. John's, with Joe Gasparola, Taylor Hall, Frank Timmes and Bill Osborne, took the second in 1:58.

The qualifiers were Fordham, N. Y. U., St. John's and the 369th, with Wayne University of Detroit being awarded fifth place in the final on its heat time and the Grand Street Boys sixth. The New York A. C., running two teams, was eliminated.

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Borican in Form

The 1,000-yard heats were noteworthy for only one reason. Borican, the defending champion, looked invincible as he coasted to a smashing 2:14.1 triumph. That was extraordinary time for a trial and what lent emphasis to it was the fact that Frank Leary of Fordham did 2:19.5 in winning the second heat from Les Eisenhart of Ohio State, and Jim Kehoe of the Washington A. C. did 2:19.4 in beating Bill McGuire of St. Francis in the third.

Big John rarely looked better. He strode with complete assurance, letting Dick Belyea of Penn blaze the trail until there were two and a half laps to go. Then he slid right past the Quaker and rolled down the homestretch, looking around casually to win from Belyea by three yards. Eliminated were Walter Cary of Fordham, Darwin Bruce of N. Y. U. and Matt Fitzgibbons of St. John's.

The second heat saw Leary lead Eisenhart all the way and the Ram sophomore loafed in the homestretch while the Buckeye came on with a terrific sprint to close up the gap to two yards. Howard Borck, a former champion, and Dan O'Leary of St. John's were eliminated.

Kehoe took over the third heat with two circuits left but had to speed up a dawdling early pace in order to head off McGuire by two yards. George O'Brien, ex-Ohio Stater, and Bill Hulse of N. Y. U. failed to make the grade.

Dixon Fails to Make Grade

The 600-yard heats followed the form chart except for a minor upset that saw Bob Dixon of Rhode Island State squeezed out of the final. Charlie Beetham and Sanford Goldberg qualified ahead of him in a near dead-heat in 1:14.5.

The second trial saw Jim Herbert and Warren Breidenbach loaf down the homestretch, with Herbert almost halting in his tracks to give the race to the Michigan ace and the Wolverine halting himself to give it back to the N. Y. U. graduate. The time was a surprisingly good 1:15.9.

In the third Simmons ran faster than he had to for a five-yard victory over Joe Zeitler, the ex-Manhattanite. But Ed Shine of Fordham was fairly close to the pair of them and neither could afford to lag too much. That brought about the best heat time of the afternoon, 1:13.8.

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GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPIONS

MAR 15 1941

The crowning of seven of our group in New York as Golden Gloves champions in seven out of the eight divisions for the city team, follows closely on the heels of the naming of eight on the Chicago team.

It is highly essential to remember that New York City is a metropolis of over seven million people, and that Chicago has over three million.

For 15 Negro boxers, many of whom hold obscure jobs while some are on WPA, to thus show their prowess points to but one thing: given a like opportunity along with any other group or groups, we, as a race, can more than hold our own.

The New York Daily News and the Chicago Tribune are both to be congratulated upon this clean-cut competition which is based on ability to master the art of self defense rather than on race, creed or color.

We name the New York paper first because of the American attitude of Jimmy Powers, sports editor. Mr. Powers has come out time and again as a champion of right. He bemoans the fact that the National and American leagues, as well as the minors in organized baseball, have seen fit to exclude all persons of color although there is nothing in the constitution of the majors to substantiate this un-American practice.

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Now comes Arch Ward. While not so outspoken in his writings as Mr. Powers, he is for fair play and is outspoken in his belief that this is no time to be other than pure Americans, regardless of race, creed or color.

Mr. Ward, as sports editor of the Tribune, would disqualify any official in the Chicago Golden Gloves or in the intercity—New York versus Chicago—bouts held here, who failed to give a just verdict based upon the rules and interpretation thereof.

The survivors of the New York tournament now will meet the best in the New York area. Then will come the inter-city New York vs. Chicago championships. Six of the eight Chicago boys survived the quarter-finals here. Seventeen of the semi-finalists were Negroes. Four of them won championships.

The Golden Gloves, both in New York and Chicago, bring out one more essential fact. Our boys have trained diligently. This is due to the fine example set by such professional fighters as Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion; Henry Armstrong, former world featherweight, world lightweight and world welterweight king, and John Henry Lewis, former light heavyweight champion who retired from the ring after his defeat at the hands of Joe Louis.

The number of our boys on visiting teams which entered the Tournament of Champions, representing both large and small cities, was amazing. Kansas City sent five Negroes on a team of eight. Dayton, Ohio, Rockford, Ill. Muncie, Ind., and Gary, Ind., were lopsided with our boys.

All we ask is a chance to make good.

Because of the Jim Crow attitude of the South, many of our group who want a fair chance in the athletic world move North. Few of the boys are from northern states.

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Even in track, the South, because of its insistence on adhering to racial prejudice loses. Ralph Metcalfe, two times member of the United States Olympic team, was born in Atlanta, Ga. Jesse Owens, the greatest track athlete who ever lived, was born in Alabama. Joe Louis also is from Alabama.

What price prejudice?

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The STUFF IS HERE.

PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE

BY FAY YOUNG

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The Steel Bowl Classics

BIRMINGHAM.—Well, they fell in here from all sections for the first annual Steel bowl classic on New Year's day. Wilberforce went down fighting before a superior Morris Brown team, 19 to 3—but that wasn't half of it.

To start off with, on New Year's morning the Georgians took over Eighteenth street. If there was a soul left on Auburn avenue in Atlanta it sure must have been a lonesome one.

Led by the John C. Hardins, Bishop Fountain and his son, President Fountain of Morris Brown, the Georgia team's followers 'just took over the town" but only for a few minutes. Although one was from "up north" and felt that Wilberforce, while boasting of a good team, was deep in the enemy territory and would be without friends, one was never so wrong in his life.

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THERE WERE plenty of Wilberforce colors and plenty of rooters and much wagering that the Ohioans would win.

For the first time in the history of Birmingham the police gave a permit for the parade down Eighteenth street and for the first time the daily papers headlined a Negro event and printed pictures of the principals. Before this game, the only pictures of Negroes used were slayers.

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LED BY "Big Jawn" Moody of Freeport, Pa., the Wolverines possessed too much power. That backfield of Joe Mitchell, halfback, from Atlanta and son of Dean E. C. Mitchell of Morris Brown; Joe Jenkins, Rahway, N. J., at half and Moody in full was enough without including the best blocking back of the year (and over-looked by many a sharp-eyed critic), Wilbur Durham, Hastings, Fla., who was at quarterback.

You take it from yours truly, the Morris Brown coaches "had something"—and they had plenty. They had tackles—and this big boy, William Wysinger from Knoxville, Tenn., while perhaps not as powerful in build as Mule Settles, 200-pound brutish sophomore, is a quick thinker and a deadly tackle, much more so than his hometown substitute.

How Do They Do It?

THE MORRIS BROWN guards, known as the "Gold Dust twins" hail from "up yonder." Alexander Shepard comes from Nuttley, N. J., and Willis Griffin hails from Pittsburgh, Pa.; Capt. Gerald Brown, end, playing the last game of his college career, is from Alliance, Ohio. Marion Grimes, the other end, is a sopohomore from Alliance, Ohio. The center, Clarence Brown, hails from Marietta, down in Georgia.

Morris Brown hasn't a gym, hasn't a football field but it had a team. Coaches A. P. Graves, who is a graduate of Bluefield State Teachers college and made the Chicago Defender's All-American team in 1928, and A. J. Lockhart, director of athletics and a graduate of Morris Brown with a master's from Cornell, use a five-man line with a "Z" formation which strikes like lightening to either the right or the left.

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THERE WASN'T anything wrong with Wilberforce other than it met a team on New Year's day that would have taken most any college team in the country into camp and that includes many of the Big Ten and other white colleges. Besides being "just right" for the occasion, Morris Brown was backed with power, brain, speed, plenty of team work and oodles of spirit. The team had been in training since December 7 for this game. The only way to have stopped this Morris Brown "blitz" was to have put a half-dozen machine guns across the 35-yard line and turned them loose on the purple and black squad.

Coaches Country Lewis, Baker and McPherson were good sports. These Wilberforce men, all good coaches, said they had met a better team. "Our boys went down fighting," was all they could say. Mac Green, director of athletics, looked sad—a thing unusual for Mac and Ike Lane was so hot under collar that he refused to buy Halfback Castleman two apples after supper the night of the game.

Good Clean Game

THERE WASN'T any dirty playing. The game was clean and well officiated. The officials missed one play—a clipping on the part of Morris Brown which was easily explained. It was when Joe Jenkins took a Wilberforce punt and ran it back 65 yards for that last touchdown but in doing so he must have covered a full 100 yards, being chased from one side of the field eventually to the other and with the officials following his run closely, the clipping happened behind them. It happened near the edge of the Wilberforce bench, but men who know football, said it was a clipping. But the other three officials like myself, who was field judge, couldn't call what they didn't see.

Twice early in the game Morris Brown drew penalties for 15 yards for holding.

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NOW FOR THE social side of the game. Folks who came had a good time. This steel city is big enough to take care of your wants—eats and drinks—but hasn't enough places to find rooms. Next year, more homes will open their doors.

Black-eye peas were eaten as the old year slipped out and the New Year was ushered in. Then on to the Owls club, run by Les Shortridge, a Wilberforce graduate. The Fifteenth street cafe and other places did good business and one was unable to get to the bar in Bob Williams' "Little Savoy." Bob used to hobnob around Lazama's pharmacy in Chicago some years back.

Meet Me In Room 18

ROOM 18, at the New Home hotel was a busy place. That was my headquarters. Next door to the room of "Uncle Joe" Rush, who brought out the Birmingham Black Barons, in the days of the late Rube Foster in what was then the Negro National league. Joe is still about town with his 10-gallon hat, but this time he has a police dog. Little "Fido" who used to travel with him is dead.

The trouble with "Uncle Joe" is that he insisted on playing host and when he plays host he goes "southern hospitality" one better. The room was warm and comfortable with the visiting coaches and newspapermen, as well as officials trying to find out what kind of a drag I had to get a room all to myself, with running hot and cold water and a private bath.

There was a regular beaten path to Room 18. One like the old cow path at home. Entertained there besides Col. Rush were Major Cleve Abbott, director of athletics and Capt. R. S. Darnaby, both of Tuskegee institute, Ala.; Head Coach A. A. Abrams, Alcorn college, Alcorn, Miss.; Coaches Lockhart, Graves and Nix, all of Atlanta; Business Manager Robinson, Morris Brown team; Henry Arthur Kean, director of athletics at Kentucky State college, and his young brother from Louisville; M. Forte, Dunbar high school coach, Dayton, Ohio; Coaches McPherson, Baker and Head Coach Country Lewis, all of Wilberforce; Dr. Harry Lackey, Wilberforce team physician; Coach Collins, Parker high coach, Birmingham; the John Hardins and friends from Atlanta; William Moore, Birmingham teacher and assistant headlinesman of the game, and a half-hundred others.

National Champions

AND SO the first Steel bowl game is over and Morris Brown's special chartered bus headed for home with the "1940 national championship team." Wilberforce took the train north on Thursday—and Birmingham after a night of jollification returned to school, work and business to await the next classic on New Year's day, 1942.

In the meantime, the thirteenth annual New Year's day classic was being played in Houston with Alabama State dropping a 7 to 6 game to Prairie View State college. This classic, started back in 1929 when Atlanta university was invited to Houston by Prairie View, has been played yearly.

Orchids To Jack House

THE STEEL BOWL game here has the possibility of drawing more than 15,000. One thing, the contestants will be the champions of the Southern conference against the outstanding team of the nation. A committee will be named to do the selecting.

Before I sign off until next week, orchids to Sports Editor Jack House of the Birmingham News for his fine job of publicizing this Steel bowl game. It was not only tops

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Anyway, Nova can forget all about meeting Conn before June. That just isn't going to happen. Meanwhile we'd like to see him mingle with some of the tougher brutes of the division, even with Mr. Galento, if the public can stand it.

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Anyway, Nova can forget all about meeting Conn before June. That just isn't going to happen. Meanwhile we'd like to see him mingle with some of the tougher brutes of the division, even with Mr. Galento, if the public can stand it.

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SIAC Football Coaches Map '41 Schedule

Not on the picture are T. A. (Ted) Wright of Xavier, New Orleans;; Leslie Stallworth of Benedict college, Columbia, S. C., and William A. (Billy) O'Shields of Fort Valley State, Fort Valley, Ga.—(Staff Photo).

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — (SNS) — As the seventeenth annual session of the Southern Coaches and Officials Association got underway the past Saturday morning, September 6, to last through Sunday, September 7, an alert candid cameraman of the Scott Newspaper Syndicate succeeded in "shooting" exactly a dozen of the 15 head coaches of football in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The august body includes, left to right, first row, Henderson A. (Tubby) Johnson of Fisk University, Nashville; W. P. (Jack) Adkins of LeMoyne, Memphis; William M. (Bill) Bell of Florida A. and M., Tallahassee; Ralph C. (Hog Maugh) Robinson of Clark, Atlanta; and Edward J (Ox) Clemons, Lane college, Jackson, Tenn.; as well as, back row, Rufus F. Lewis of Alabama State, Montgomery; Oliver C. (Ball Club) Dawson of S. C. State, Orangeburg; Gorden H. Kitchen of Talladega college, Talladega, Ala.; Wallace O. (Little Warrior) Hawkins of Knoxville college, Knoxville, Tenn.; W. J. (Billy) Nicks of Morris Brown, Atlanta; Frank L. (Tombstone) Forbes of Morehouse, Atlanta; and Coach C. L. (Cleve) Abbott of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

Colored - White All - Star Game

The second city championship game between the colored and white All Stars will be played Sunday at Eagles Park, one mile east of Brooklyn, Ill., at 2:30 An all day picnic will also be held.

A capacity crowd attended the game last Sunday at Grand and Market, when the All Stars play the first game of a three game series, with the white team defeating the colored team 3-1.

Five hits and one run were made off Spider in the four inning, five hits off Frank and two runs in three innings. There were two hits off Murray in seven innings, one by Cowans and one by Bently. Nine colored all stars went down swinging from Murray fast ball, 11 white all stars struck five by Spider in the fourth inning and six by Frank in thrid.

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Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

N.Y. Open To Jimmie McDaniel

NEW YORK.--Three hundred persons saw Jimmie McDaniel of Xavier university, New Orleans, national tennis champion, successfully defend his New York state title when he defeated sis doubles partner, Richard Cohen, [illegible], 6-2, 2-6 and 6-2 in the final New York state open championship Saturday, August [illegible], at the New York Cosmopolitan club.

McDaniel, flashing a much improved backhand and a more dependable rocket service, smashed his way to a comparatively easy victory. McDaniel, after taking the first two sets 8-6 and 6-2, was temporarily "blitzed" by Cohen who won five straight games to take the third set 6-2. Refreshed, after a 10-minute intermission, McDaniel took the court to lose the first game, win five straight, drop the next session and then won the final game and set.

The opening match of the final was won by Raymond Jackson, seeded No. [illegible], who defeated Quentin Vaughn 7-5, 6-2, 6-2, to win the junior single crown. Vaughn, a neighbor of Jackson from Brooklyn, N. Y., electrified the crowd in the first set when after trailing five games to one, made a brilliant stand and tied the games five all.

In the mixed doubles event Mrs. Flora Lomax of Detroit and W. E. (Babe) Jones of Baltimore, teamed up to defeat Ora Washington and Dr. S. B. Jones, both of Philadelphia. The scores were 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the girls' singles event, the finals of which were played on Saturday, Thelma McDaniels of Tuskegee, defeated Dorothy Davis of Elizabeth, N. J., 7-5, 6-4.

The veterans' singles crown went to Dr. J. B. Garrett of Tuskegee who defeated Ted Hooks of Brooklyn, N. Y., 6-4 an 6-1.

Mrs. Flora Lomax, former national women's singles champion, defeated Miss Margaret Peters of Tuskegee in two straight sets, 6-3 and 6-3, to win the women's crown.

McDaniel and Cohen, running true to form, captured the men's doubles title b trouncing Joe King and Robert Ryland, also of Xavier, 6-2, 6-3 and 6-2.

Roumania and Margaret Peters teamed up to hand a defeat to Ora Washington and Miss Anita Gant of Washington in the women's doubles, 6-1 and 6-3.

The ceremonies attendant to the presentation—$500 worth of sterling trophies—were presided over by Bertram L. Baker, executive secretary of the American Tennis association and president of the New York state association.

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HENRY ARMSTRONG IN COMEBACK FIGHT IN GALVESTON, TEXAS

SEP 19 1941

GALVESTON, Tex.—(SNS)—Next Wednesday night will be a great night in Galveston and the Gulf area generally for those who manifest interest in what goes on between the hempen strands, or within the confines of the Circle Square.

Come Wednesday evening you will have the opportunity of seeing with your own eyes one of the greatest fighting machines in the history of boxing. Henry Armstrong, the man whose prowess caused writers like Runyan and McLemore to run out of descriptive adjectives, will be in town at the Muny Auditorium to do battle against popular Rand Jackson, the scorge of everything within 10 pounds of his weight in this section and Cleo Shane, up and coming young fighter from California.

You will doubtless see the greatest and most pleasing card ever shown in Galveston under anybody's promotion at any time.

In the semi-final you will see Mike Delia, promising Coast warrior opposed by Felix Montalvo. Three other fights support this superfistic attraction Wednesday night next.

HENRY ARMSTRONG

You know Armstrong. There never was a fighter like him. There is a strong possibility his like won't soon reappear when he hangs up his gloves for keeps. Armstrong, known as the "Hammerer," Perpetual Motion, and scores of other adjectives, is the only fighter of any weight or color in the history of Fistiana to hold THREE titles at the same time. Well, that man will be in town Wednesday, headlining the show at the auditorium He will be making a stop on his 15 state itinerary which he hopes will end with a shot at the Welter crown he once wore now held by Cochran, who vanquished Zivic, who took the crown from his brow. You have never seen a card like this one. Galveston is the only stop Armstrong will possibly make in Texas. Don't fail to be present and look upon the best educated man in the ring today. A fighter and a gentleman, also man of letters.

E. A. LACY

You will ack the great hall Wednesday night. You will be there because you always support first-rate attractions. You MUST be there to show your gratitude to E. A. Lacy, promoter and his Matchmaker, Ralph Smith.

Mr. Lacy, at considerable expense, is bringing Armstrong to Galveston. He has consistently given Negro fighters a chance on all his cards. He is the type of man one can safely ride the river with. There is no prejudice in his makeup. He is one of the finest young white men you will meet anywhere in America. He has suffered many losses on cards to keep boxing alive in Galveston. A grateful citizenry, interested in fighting will, by their patronage, give boxing on the island a "shot" (sorely needed) in the arm Wednesday night. Armstrong, will be in town. If this card doesn't revive boxing in Galveston and Texas, nothing can turn the trick.

Every Negro in Galveston should be present Wednesday night. You will see five good bouts. You will see a man of your race and blood who scaled the top-most heights of boxing, in person. You will see one of the cleanest fighters who ever lived. You will get your money's worth, PLUS.

Let's pack the auditorium to the rafters next Wednesday night to see Henry Armstrong in action and thank Promoter Lacy and Matchmaker Smith.

CLYDE IN FORM TO WIN $500 1st PRIZE

By WENDELL SMITH

DETROIT, Aug. 15—Clyde Martin turned his attention toward Boston, Mass., and the National Open this week after after winning the Joe Louis Open and $500 in cash by defeating young Calvin Searles of New Orleans, La., Thursday afternoon in the final round of the most spectacular and colorful golf tournament ever held here.

Rallying sensationally after being two down on the first six holes, the long-hitting Martin turned in a 74-card on the final round for a 292 total to beat out Searles' by two strokes.

Searles was dedlocked for second place with Zeke Hartsfield of Atlanta. Hartsfield played the most sensational golf of the tournament on his last 36 holes, turning in two 69 cards, but his first two rounds were not as good as Martin's and his rally fell short by two strokes.

LeRoy Smith of Norfolk, Va. won the amateur title with an even 300, defeating O. J. Clisby of Pasadena, Calif., by a one stroke margin.

The final round between Martin and Searles was the big feature of the tournament. Approximately 1,000 spectators followed the two stars around the tricky Rackham course. Going into the final round, Martin was one up, but his lead was short when on the first hold he took five and Searles evened the match up with a par 4. From then on it was dog-fight, with Searles shooting par golf for the next four holes. Going into the seventh Martin was two down after taking a six on the fourth.

Martin jumped into the lead again on the seventh when Searles blew up momentarily and took seven on the par five hole, while Martin was one under for a birdie.

The New Orleans youngster was three down going into the last nine and victory seemed assured for Martin. However, Searles rallied and picked up two of the three on the 11th when he took a three and Martin a five. He evened it up on the next hole when he parred the hole and Martin was one over with a five.

Searles jumped out in front on the 13th when he scored a birdie on the par three hole and Martin took a three. Martin evened it again on the 14th with a five while Searles took a six.

From that point on the match was Martin's as well as the championship. From the 15th in he shot par golf, while Searles was one over par on the 15th and the 18th.

Four were tied for third place honors. They were Ben Davis, Detroit; Ben Green, New Orleans; Bob Seymour, Fort Custer and Theodore Rhodes, Nashville, all of whom wound up with 301.

Howard Wheeler of Los Angeles claimed eighth place with 302. Sam Hughes of Gadsden, Ala., was ninth with 303 and Eddie Jackson, Detroit was tenth was 303.

LeRoy Smith and O. J. Clisby won first and second place honors in the amateurs with Dr. Remus Robinson winning third place honors with 309. He beat out Ulysses Neal and Chuck Taylor, who were tied for fourth with 314.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

D. C. MAY BAN MIXED MITT BOUTS DESPITE FINANCIAL GAIN, HINT

SEP 20 1941

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18—(ANP)—Although no incidents of any alarming proportions have occurred at the mixed bouts conducted in the capital, it is reliably reported that police department heads are working quietly and efectively to stop such future bouts.

Insiduous forces at work behind the scenes are responsible for the condition and in a recent investigation of the inefficiency of the police department as a whole, it was placed on record that over a hundred police were on duty at the Griffith Stadium the night of the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer fight.

The new and strong move is another indication of the strong Dixie influence which controls every department in Washington.

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Brown Bomber Baking Firm Orders 10 New Trucks; Plans Big Program

JAN 25 1941

Ordering of ten new trucks by the Brown Bomber Baking Company, Inc., was announced Monday afternoon after a meeting of the Board of Directors of the fast-growing concern. The action, one of several taken at the meeting was described later by a spokesman for the company as "just the first step in a carefully planned program of expansion."

The new trucks will be used, it was said, in increasing and expanding the delivery system of the company to meet the rapidly-increasing demand for the baking products now offered under the Brown Bomber aegis.

"Each phase of the company's operation will be kept in step with all others in this program of general improvement," the spokesman added, "because we feel that as one of the pioneer all-Negro owned concerns of its kind, Brown Bomber must continue the gigantic strides it has made during its first year of existence."

The meeting marked the launching of activities with the new officers and board of directors, elected at the recent annual stockholders and directors' meeting. Dr. P. M. H. Savory is president and assistant secretary of the firm.

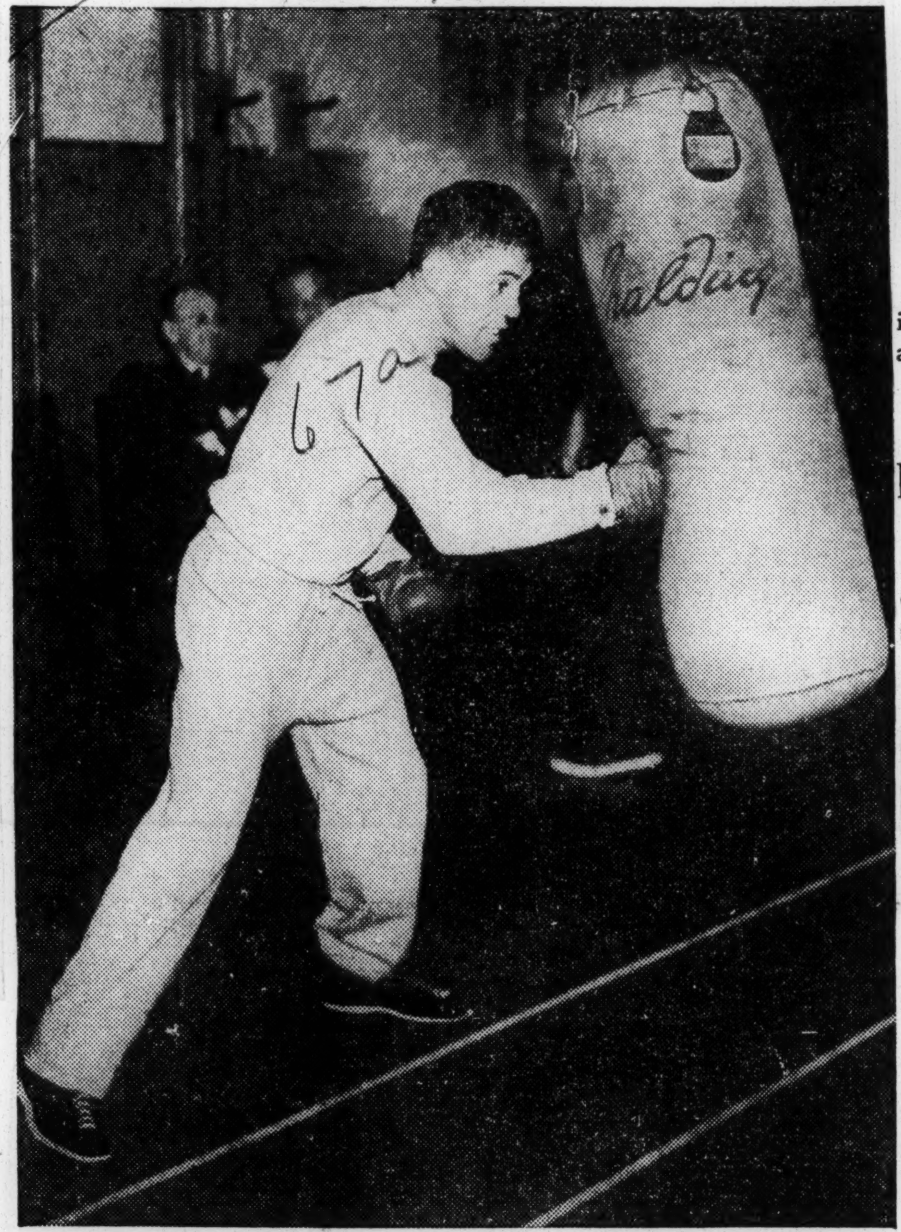
Other officers include Frank Oxley, first vice-president; Robert A. Chapman, secretary and general manager; Dr. C. B. Powell, chairman of the board and treasurer and Herbert L. Romero, assistant manager.

On the board of directors, in addition to Chapman, Oxley, Dr. Powell and Dr. Savory, are Henry J. Benn, Walter L. Blair, Dr. James T. W. Granady, Dr. Arthur Gray, Dr. Neslie D. Gunthorpe, George W. Jones, James W. Owens, Dr. St. Elmo E. Taylor, Dr. Errol A. Thompson, Langley A. Waller, Mrs. Gladys Walton, Dr. V. McKinley Wiles, Donald N. Yearwood and Henry C. Duncan.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

If Hard Work Is Enough, They'll Win

MAR 14 1941



Reports from the east that New York's Golden Gloves team is the strongest in the history of intercity competition have spurred the members of the Chicago squad as they prepare for the 14th annual battles in the Stadium March 26. Here Dick Menchaca of Fort Worth, Chicago's 118 pound champion, larruns the heavy bag in the I. A. C. gym.

Harold Dade (left), the 112 pound titleholder, who, like Menchaca, is a repeater, and Ray Steigerwald of Nashville, also a flyweight, rest after long workout before heading for the shower. [TRIBUNE Photos.]

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Detroit Eagles Upset Harlem '5'

CHICAGO, March 17.—(AP)—Three semi-final berths were at stake tonight when play resumed in the world's championship professional basketball tournament.

The Detroit Eagles, coached by Dutch Dehnert, scored a major upset last night when they filled one of the semi-final spots with a 37-to-36 decision over the fancy Harlem Globe Trotters, Negro cage magicians who were seeking their second straight pro championship

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C.I.A.A. CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS FOR 1941

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Concord N C Tribune
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State Guard To Sponsor Negro Ring Tournament

Bobby Fisher, Concord's new boxing promoter who went into the fisticuff business yesterday, today announced the date of his first professional fight and said that the State Guard would sponsor a big colored Golden Gloves tournament April 23, 24, and 25 at the Concord Armory.

The tournament will be open to all colored men who have never fought professionally. Entry blanks will be ready in a few deys.

The first professional fight will come up Friday, April 4 at the armory. Fisher will announce the card on that one in a few days.

FIRST ONE

The Negro tournament will be the first one of its kind in this section of the state. Greensboro is the only town in the state that sponsors a Negro tournament every year.

Fisher looks for a heavy flood of entries from Concord and Kannapolis, but said he wanted to see fighters from all over Cabarrus County and the rest of this section of the state. There will be no entry fee and those entering can be sure they'll fight with only the most modern equipment.

The State Guard, sponsor of the meet, was formed several months ago to take the place of the National Guard while it is in army camp.

Reidsville N C Review
March 21, 1941

NEGRO BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAME EXPECTED TO DRAW LARGE CROWD

When A. & T. College Junior varsity and Burlington High Girls' teams evade Reidsville Monday night (March 24) they will meet a superb tutored Washington High cage outfit. Burlington High will seek revenge from the local girls since they lost to them during regular season. The matching of these two teams have always attracted a large crowd from both Burlington and Reidsville.

A. & T. Junior varsity is considered among the best in its class and boasts of an outstanding aggregation from nearly every State in the union. The local boys' team who finished the regular schedule with a good record this year and nosed out A. & T. last year by two points will seek to keep its slate as clean as possible.

This game is a benefit affair and is sponsored by the agricultural department (new farmers of America) of Washington High and Rockingham Negro 4-H county council.

Funds obtained from this affair will be used to help send delegates to the NFA convention and the 4-H short course to be held at A & T. College in Greensboro. The public is invited to attend.

Read Sunday's Review for the line-uup.

Birmingham Ala. News
3-21-41

Plans Pushed To Put Over Negro Tourney

Negro Boys Club Board Members Talk Ring Meet Slated Wednesday

The plans for the third annual state Negro amateur ring tournament Thursday night were given further impetus and the promotional structure completed at a meeting of members of the board of directors of Negro Boys Club.

The tournament, under direction of the Negro organization and sponsored by The Birmingham News-Age-Herald in cooperation with the Golden Gloves Committee, Inc., is rapidly being shaped up as prospectively the best of the series.

L. S. Gaillard, president, and E. Q. Adams, superintendent of Negro Boys Club with members of the board assisting, are planning to have representatives working in all sections of the city stimulating intrest in the tournament.

Entries are expected from a score of various centers of the district.

Last year the entry list topped 125 and there will be fully that number in the competition again this year, it appears.

There will be three nights of milling, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the ring pitched again in the auditorium at Smithfield. Last year's matches are still fresh in the memory of many of the fans who attended the bouts. From the battles some first-class ringsters emerged.

Training is under way in various centers as the boys work for the meet. Any Negro boy 14 years or over who is an amateur may enter the meet. Individual medals for winners and runnersup, a team trophy and sportsmanship trophy will be awarded.

The Negro Boys Club is being trained by Charley Harvey, Dixie Fleming, James King and Dolly Martin. This team is expected to be one of the strongest contenders.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to providing more equipment for the Negro Boys Club.

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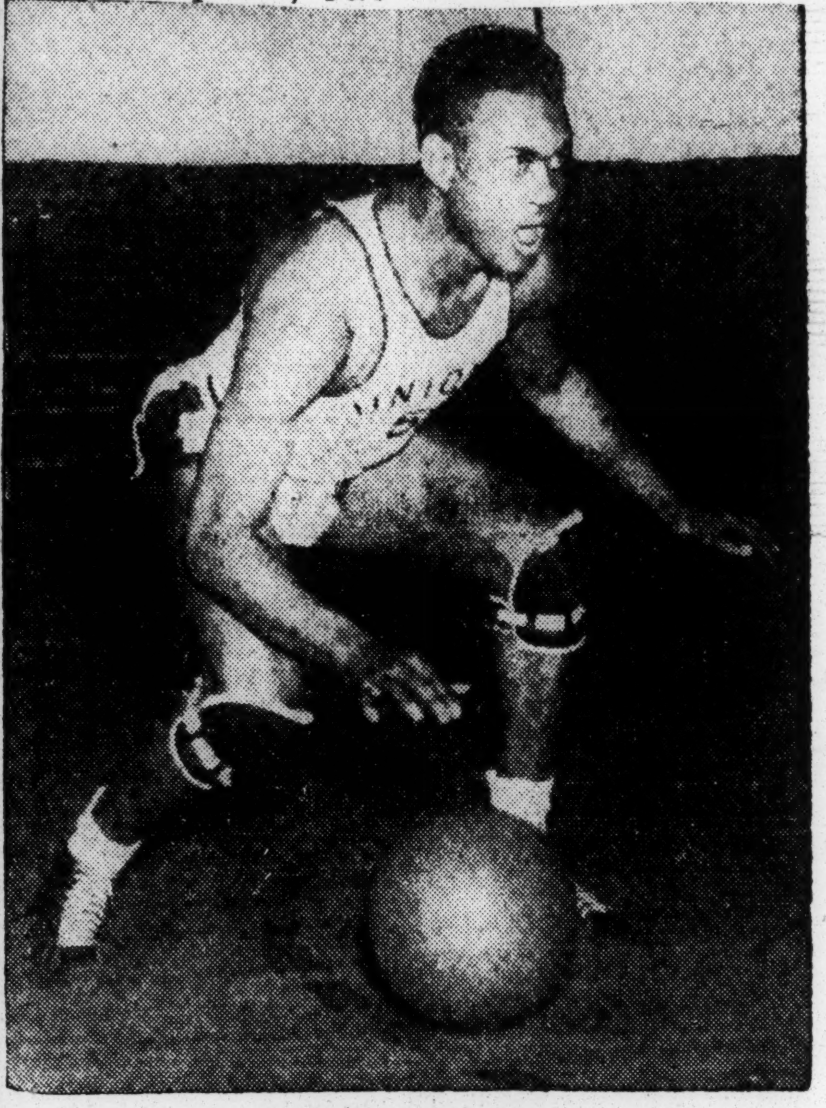
Philadelphia, Pa.



WILEY CAMPBELL

. . . . one of the reasons for Union's suspension.

teur Athletic Union of the United States is through the USASF of which the AAU is a member.

In addition to Virginia Union University, the following ten member institutions were represented and they voted unanimously for the suspension:

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Bluefield State Teachers College: James H. Rowland, Sr.

Hampton Institute: Gideon E. Smith and Charles H. Williams.

Howard University: Clarence W. Davis.

Lincoln University: Manuel Rivero.

Morgan College: E. P. Hurt.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College: R. K. Bernard and Homer E. Harris, Jr.

St. Augustine's College: Arthur P. Chippey.

St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Chester A. Smith, W. C. Starke and J. L. Whitehead.

Shaw University: James E. Lytle, Jr., and H. C. Perrin.

Virginia State College: Harry R. Jefferson, James A. Moore, N. G. Sims and George G. Singleton.

The members of the CIAA Eligibility Committee are: Clarence W. Davis (Howard), chairman; Arthur P. Chippey (St. Augustine's); George G. Singleton (Virginia State).

The Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association did not admit West Virginia State College into the membership of the CIAA because the college would not accept without reservations the conditions contingent to membership which were incorporated in the CIAA memorandum of December 1, 1940.

The CIAA interpretation of items 1 and 3 of the conditions which were not acceptable to West Virginia follows:

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1. Any CIAA institution shall get permission from the CIAA Eligibility Committee before competing with a non-CIAA institution.

3. West Virginia State College shall not hold membership in the Mid-Western Athletic Association concurrently with its membership in the CIAA.

By J. L. WHITEHEAD,
Secretary-Treasurer, CIAA

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

FLAYS FORMER BIG LEAGUER'S INSULT TO NEGROES IN TALK

MAR 29 1941

'Pepper" Martin, Southern Gentleman, Lets His Good Feelings Get the Better of Him in Park Talk Over Radio—Imitates Jake Powell.

By HERMAN HILL

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—Wilbur C. Tuttle, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, definitely assured your correspondent at an exclusive interview held last week in his offices here in the Wrigley Field Tower, that he would not tolerate any insulting remarks or unsportsmanlike gestures on the part of league ball players or officials in the future, against any racial group of fans at any time, either on or off the field of play.

This ultimatum came as a result of the alleged untactful, thoughtless remarks made by Pepper Martin, former St. Louis Cards' "Gas House Gang" member and now Sacramento Solons manager. The trouble occurred at the recent Sunday, Coast Loop All-Stars versus Major League All-Stars contest staged at Hollywood Park before 12,000 fans.

MARTIN PULLS A "JAKE POWELL"

Martin pulled a "Jake Powell" there when he, along with other celebrities of the sports, movie and radio world, were called on just prior to the game to say a few words over the "mike." The fiery Oklahoman proceeded to tell a story about an "old colored preacher," and finally prefaced his remarks by using the word "N—r". He was soundly booed by many present of all races and the following day Gordon Macker, well-known sports columnist of the Daily News, soundly took him to task for his blabber-mouthing.

Since then, a multitude of individuals and civic organizations here have bubbled over with wrath. Some even suggesting a boycott of the Sacramento club.

Letters of protest have been written to the front office officials of the capital city team, which, by the way, is a member of the St. Louis Cardinals' farm system.

CONSIDER SOURCE

Matt Gallagher, amiable publicity director of the Los Angeles Angels, when asked about Martin's conduct, suggested that sepia American ball fans "consider the source" in this case. He further said that, under no circumstances, would he allow Martin to speak over the radio or the loud speaker when the Angels played Sacramento locally. Averring that he would not take a chance on what this "Southern gentleman" might say, and that certainly the Los Angeles' Angels did not wish to incur the ill feeling of its numerous Negro rooters.

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Gallagher further declared that this was not the first time since Martin has been on the Coast he has shown his lack of tact and breeding. As recently at Anaheim where a formal welcoming banquet was staged by civic officials for Connie Mack and his Philadelphia Athletics, Martin, when asked to say a few words, got up and, in the presence of a number of ladies present, proceeded to tell a story describing an old family house in detail from room to room, even to the intricate facilities of the bathroom.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

PENN RELAYS CHAMPIONS

MAY 3 1941

Colored athletes and schools who won championships at the Penn Relays, last week, were:

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Eddie Dugger (Tufts) 14.4 Seconds.

400-METER HURDLES — Gilder Farrow (Xaxier) 55.2 Seconds.

DISCUS THROW — Archie Harris (Indiana) 167 feet, 10⅛ inches (New Relay Record).

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CLASS B COLLEGE ONE-MILE RELAY—Morgan State College (Fletcher, Lewis, Drake and Bowie) 3:21.6.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP — Tuskegee Institute (Heard, Fretwell, Slade and Sams) 3:27.3.

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MILITARY ONE-MILE RELAY SPECIALTY — 369th Regiment, Ft. Ontario (Sgt. Thomas Carey, Sgt. Wm. Cuffey, Pvt. Warren Coleman, Lieut. John Woodruff) 3:29.5.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

INDIANA STAR SETS NEW MARK

MAY 24 1941

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. May 22—Archie Harris, probably the greatest all-around athlete in Indiana university's history, established a new American and Big Ten record in the discus here last Friday when he hurled the "platter" 174 feet one inch.

Competing in the Big Ten outdoor track and field championships preliminary program at Minnesota's Memorial Stadium, Friday, Harris broke the record of Ken Carpenter of Southern California set in 1936 at 173. He cracked his own Big Ten record at the same time, which he established in last year at 166 feet 5 3-4 inches.

The giant Indiana star scored a double victory in the big meet and enabled his team mates to score a sensational upset over Michigan's favored team, when he retained his shotput title with a toss of 50 feet.

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Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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New York university has suspended seven students for protesting against Jim-Crowism. The action, made public this week, was taken when a group of students resented vigorously the barring of Negro track stars from the team the university sent to participate in a recent meet at the Catholic university in Washington, D. C.

The administration, it appears, of its own accord barred the Negro stars. If this assumption is correct, then the 150 students who staged a sit-down strike were more than justified in the selection of this means to register their disapproval. MAR 29 1941

It is time to act when the virus of Jim-Crowism begins to infect northern institutions of higher learning. If the Catholic university, stuck in the mud of prejudice, is conceded the right to maintain a discriminatory tradition, by the same token New York university, which has maintained in the past a liberal policy without injury to its academic standing, has a tradition, too, to uphold. A tradition far more consonant with the tenets of education in a democracy than the narrow, indefensible anti-racial policy so long identified with educational institutions of the South.

It is apparent, however, that New York university has made unsolicited concessions for the dubious purpose of retaining cordial athletic relations. By so doing it advertises its willingness to transgress its own rules for the sake of upholding the questionable policy of a lesser institution. Such a reversal of position is the more regrettable coming at a time when democracy is assaulted even within the walled citadels of higher learning. MAR 29 1941

The recent wave of anti-Negro sentiment displayed by coaches in northern schools is both un-American and unsportsmanlike, and comes at a moment when the entire nation ought to present a solid front even in sports.

Above all, religious schools, especially Catholics should be the last to raise the color question when their faculty members and trustees hide behind the skirts of their so-called religion and seek to preach "brotherly love and the word of God." MAR 29 1941

New York university's trustees argue that it is against the policy of Catholic university to compete against Negro athletes in the South. So does such a policy exist at Georgetown university right in Washington, D. C. But two decades ago Harvard university's baseball team went to Washington to play Georgetown. Before a large crowd of spectators which included the late President Theodore Roosevelt, Georgetown contended with the Harvard captain against the playing of William Matthews at shortstop. The late Mr. Roosevelt, after becoming irked at the delay of the start of the game, called the Harvard captain to his box and told him to play his team as it was or not play the game. The result was Georgetown played against Harvard with Matthews in the line-up. It can be done—but it takes courage.

It is not the students or the athletes who object. No athlete from any southern white school objects to competing against Negroes from a white or a Negro school, in any of the northern relay meets or big track and field events. This fact is demonstrated clearly at the Penn, Drake, Kansas, Central A.A., National Collegiates, Chicago relays, Millrose games, and other meets. In these meets, crack athletes from Texas Christian, Rice institute, University of Texas, University of Oklahoma, Southwestern Teachers college, Georgia Tech, Catholic university, Georgetown, Maryland, and other lily-white Dixie schools have competed against Hampton, Union, Shaw, Howard, Xavier, Wilberforce, Tuskegee, Prairie View, Southern, Lincoln, Morgan and other Negro schools.

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New York university would have earned the plaudits of thousands of its graduates and friends had the administration elected to cancel its track engagement with the Catholic university. It would have lost not one whit of its prestige. But it committed a double crime when in addition to barring its own Negro track stars, it suspended the students who protested against such action.

~~Pennsylvania~~
Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Praises Negro Followers

MAY 26 1941

MANAGER PAUL RICHARDS and President Earl Mann of the Atlanta Crackers are loud in their praise of the way Negro fans have rallied to the support of the club this year. MAY 26 1941

The Atlanta pilot, shown above, and his players are aware of this consistent moral support and are playing their hearts out not only for the white but the colored fans as well.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

SPORTS SLANTS

By 'Melancholy' JONES

John L. Sullivan Never Did Hold World Heavyweight Title; There Have Been But 14 Universal Kings, Records Show

JOHN L. SULLIVAN, contrary to all that you may have heard and read for lo, these many years, never did wear the "world" heavyweight crown. Nor did he get an official recognition as king of all the heavyweights. Any records you may have scanned which ranked him so were definitely ERRONEOUS and MISLEADING.

There have been but 14 world heavyweight champions under the Marquis of Queensbury Rules, and not 15 as usually written by the most respected of ring authorities.

The idea that Sullivan was first of the succession of world heavyweight champions topped off by our own Joe Louis is just a POPULAR MISCONCEPTION.

There is plenty of literature to back those who think Sullivan actually held the "world" title. But the written matter, no matter where you found it, is in ERROR.

Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, arch sportsman, fraternal leader, and seeker after truth for its own sake, stoically reeled off point after point to the column Tuesday afternoon over the SNS sports desk in his zeal to right a wrong.

"You have worked hard and presented facts to support your arguments," Mr. Dobbs commented, 'but you must be careful not to be bounded by books alone. John L. Sullivan never was world heavyweight champion, although nearly every other sports writer in the country seems to think so. You love truth; you should come out with the facts.

The column asked Mr. Dobbs how he would establish his extravagant claim that Sullivan never held the WORLD heavyweight championship.

"It's largely a matter of inference, in your case, because you weren't born then. But with me, it partially memory from boyhood. However, for the sake of argument, don't take my word for it. You keep plenty of good record books. Dig out your WORLD ALMANAC, Ring Record, and other historical prize fight data. Maybe I can convince you I'm right by your own books." That was Mr. Dobbs' serious challenge.

The said books were tossed upon desk. Together, Mr. Dobbs and the corner searched them carefully marking significant and pertinent matter in all three manuals before settling down to a sequential analysis of what they bore respectively.

The conclusion gained was most amazing, to say the least. By Jove, Mr. Dobbs was dead right—conclusively so—and it was possible, by inference and technically careful interpretation of the printed matter, to establish the unerring truth of his contention. Here are the facts:

John L. Sullivan knocked out Paddy Ryan, a fellow American, in nine rounds at Mississippi City, Miss., February 7, 1882, and CLAIMED the American title. Later, Sullivan defeated Jake Kilrain, another American, at Richburg, Miss., for a side bet of $10,000 and the "Police Gazette Belt," official emblem symbolic of the undisputed American championship. This contest took place July 8, 1889, and went 75 rounds. It was fought under the old London Prize Rules and was the last bare knuckle contest of ring history.

After that, the Marquis of Queensbury Rules came into universal acceptance and became the yardstick by which world heavyweight championships were decided. A time standard of three minutes for a round with a minute's rest in between rounds was required. Under the old bare knuckle provisions, every knockdown was scored as a round. A bout with 75 knockdowns in it was listed as a 75-round encounter.

But John L. Sullivan did not fight a single time officially under the Marquis of Queensbury Rules and the only formal bouts in which he fought for recognition were against American opponents. He never was officially anything more than American champion.

James J. Corbett defeated Sullivan in 21 rounds in New Orleans September 7, 1892, but the victory simply gave Corbett the American title.

It was January 25, 1894, when Corbett became the first recognized world champion by whipping Charlie Mitchell, British Empire champion who had previously beaten the French claimant, in three rounds at Jacksonville, Florida.

Bob Fitzsimmons whipped Corbett to gain the world crown March 17, 1897, in 14 rounds at Carson City, Nevada. James J. Jeffries, in turn, stopped Fitzsimmons June 9, 1899, in 11 rounds at Coney Island, N.Y., to garner the title.

Other champions thereafter were Tommy Burns (1906-1908), Jack Johnson (1908-1915), Jess Williard (1915-1919), Jack Dempsey (1919-1926), Gene Tunny (1926-1928), Max Schmeling (1930-1932), Jack Sharkey (1932-1933), Primo Carnera (1933-1934), Max Baer (1934-1935), Jimmy Braddock (1935-1937), and Joe Louis (1937——).

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOSEPH TRIGG, FIRST COLORED HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE JUDGE, DECLARED DEBATED LOUIS PUNCH CAME AFTER BELL

WASHINGTON, May 29—Setting a precedent in the history of heavyweight championship fights, Joseph E. Trigg, colored, was one of the judges for the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer title battle here Friday night.

When questioned about the much-disputed "foul" punch, Trigg is reported to have declared that "Baer was hit after the bell."

"Joe undoubtedly did not hear the bell, which was slightly muffled due to being placed under the ring," Trigg was quoted as saying.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Crawford Wins Colored Open Championship

Post Staff Photo.
ROBERT CRAWFORD

Robert Crawford, golfer from the West End, 1238 Twenty-eighth Street Northwest, annexed the colored District open championship yesterday, when he defeated Claude Ross, defending champion, and Everett Payne, top of the first flight, on the Langston course, off Benning Road, with a card of 230 for the 54-hole medal play.

Sponsored by the Royal Golf Club, the tournament was played off Friday and yesterday, with Ross the former champion, in difficulties from the start, so that he gained sixth place in the first flight with an 81.

On a wet course yesterday, with rain falling intermittently, his play was slightly better, to gain fourth place with a 239. Payne, who led the field Friday, closed with a rush in the final, and was defeated for the championship by an eyelash, coming home with a 231.

Stedman Lipscomb, second of the first flight with a 76, was third in the playoff with a 237.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Negro to Captain Boston U. Baseball

BOSTON. — (ANP) — Charles Thomas of Dayton, O., sensational Negro infielder has been elected baseball captain at Boston university for 1942. Runner-up for the football captaincy and a standout on the basketball team, he was recently called in a published interview by Dr. John M. Harmon, director of athletics, the "best all around athlete at Boston university."

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Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Negroes Have Much To Do With The Tradition

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LOUISVILLE — (By Leon W. Taylor for ANP)—The Kentucky Derby, blue ribbon classic of the American turf, will be run at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Saturday. Other races may carry greater cash values, but none can equal the thrilling cosmopolitan appeal to masses high and low, rich and poor, of all races and creeds which this historic test holds.

Memory at times is fleeting, but recollection more often is strong. Today few are alive who can recall famous Negroes of another generation whose names and achievements are richly written upon the honorable scroll of bygone derbies.

From the aged lips of turf patriarchs we glean the recital of their deeds which helped bolster the background of the greatest horse race on the North American continent. MAY 1 - 1941

During the first 28 years of Kentucky derbies 23 Negroes figure as jockeys on the winning horse, or trainers of the winner. The first three Derby winners, Aristides in 1875, Vagrant in 1876, Baden-Baden in 1877, were trained by Negroes, respectively Ansel Williams, Dud Allen, and Ed Brown—the last named being more familiarly known as "Brown Dick". Oscar Lewis rode Aristides and William Walker was astride Baden-Baden. Garrett Lewis had the mount on Fonso in 1880, and "Babe" Hurd on Apollo in 1882. In 1883 the winner, Leonatus, was trained by Raleigh Colston. In 1884 Buchanan was trained by W. Bird and ridden by the immortal Isaac Murphy. The following year, 1885, Abe Perry trained Joe Cotton who was ridden by Henderson.

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Two Isaacs Star

Isaac Lewis, brother of Garrett Lewis, had the mount on Montrose in 1887, and Isaac Murphy added to his derby laurels by winning two successive years on Riley in 1890 and Kingman in 1891, Dud Allen obtaining his second derby triumph as trainer of Kingman. A. Clayton won with Azra in 1892, J. Perkins with Halma in 1895, W. Sims with Ben Brush in 1896 and again with Plaudit in 1898. The trainer of Ben Brush in 1896 was again the famous Brown Dick (Ed Brown) who had conditioned Baden-Baden nearly 20 years prior.

This long supremacy of the Negro in Kentucky derbies was tailed off when Jimmy Winkfield won two successive years on His Eminence in 1901 and on Alan-a-Dale in 1902. Since that time Negroes have not been in the winning derby picture expect in minor roles, although in 1931 phoenix-like he arose again in the person of Marshall Lilly who assisted materially in the training of Twenty Grand, holder of the derby record of 2:01 4-5. MAY 1 - 1941

On May 3, when Calumet farm's Whilaway, stretch-running son of imported Blenheim 2nd-Dustwhirl, starts running over horses after the final turn for home, it will be in a setting the very air of which teems with mellowed memories of Negro pioneers who gave their all to this classic of the turf. Shades of Dud Allen and Brown Dick, of Murphy, Winkfield, Walker and Sims will hover over 80,000 screaming, pushing, hysterical turf fans as another Kentucky derby comes to a close amidst pounding hoofs, rising dust, flashing colors, and a cacophony of human utterances.

Isaac Murphy, who was the peer of any race-rider on the American turf, won a total of 14 derbies on race courses throughout this country.

His derby string began at Saratoga in 1879 with the Travelers Mid-summer derby (now known as the Travers Stake), riding Falsetto to victory over Spendthrift and Harold. In 1883 he won the Latonia derby with Leonatus, and a year later guided Buchanan to victory in the Kentucky derby over Loftin and Audrain. The same year he won the American derby at Washington park on Modesty. 4 MAY 1 - 1941

In 1885 Murphy won the Latonia derby on Bersan, and the American derby on Volante. The year 1886 saw him returned to victory on Silver Cloud in both the Latonia and American derbies, while in 1887 he won the Latonia derby on Libretto, and the St. Louis derby on Terra Cotta. The next year, 1888, he rode Emperor of Norfolk to victory in the American derby, and in 1890 again won the Kentucky derby on Riley.

In 1891 he ended this remarkable list of derby victories by riding Kingman to victory in both the Kentucky and Latonia derbies.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

XAVIER TAKES 400 METERS HURDLES TITLE

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Gilder Farrow, Xavier university, New Orleans, winning the 400-meters hurdles, one of the toughest races on the two-day Penn relays program. The Ralph Metcalfe coached track athlete won the event in 56 seconds.—Photo by John W. Mosley, Philadelphia. MAY 3 - 1941

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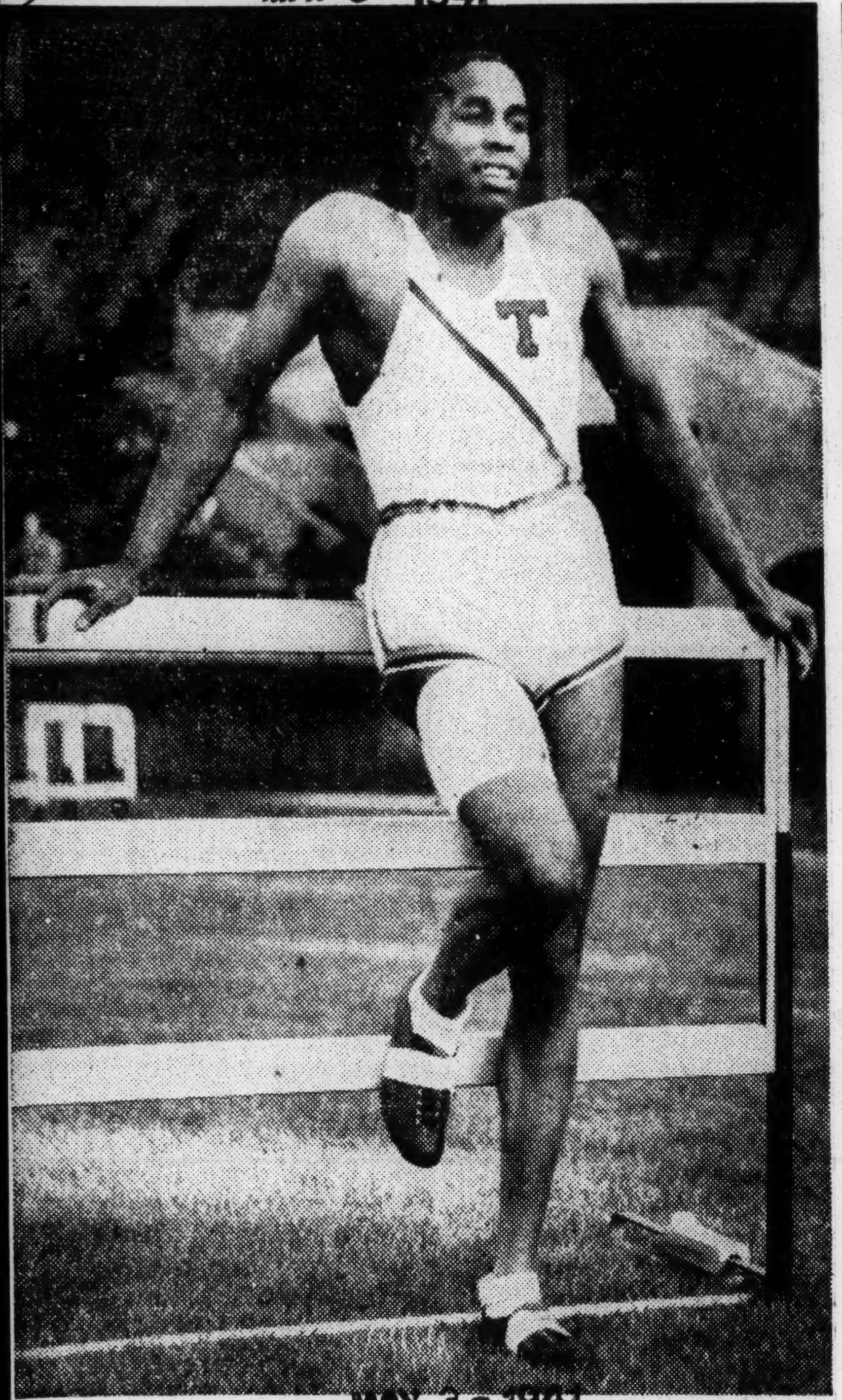
Chicago, Illinois

WINS HIGH HURDLES AT PENN

MAY 3 - 1941



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Eddie Dugger, Tufts college of Medford, Mass., who won the invitational 120-high hurdles at the annual Penn relays Saturday afternoon. His time was 14.4 seconds, better than any of the winning times in the heats or the final at Drake. Dugger who is Eastern Intercollegiate and National Collegiate high hurdles champion, also ran anchor on the Tufts college shuttle relay team which ran the event in 1:02.6. The Drake time for the 480-yard shuttle relays was 59.9 seconds for a new record.—Photo by Mosley, Philadelphia.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

IN PENN RELAY DISCUS TRIUMPH

Archie Harris, University of Indiana's senior end on the football team and Big Ten indoor and outdoor as well as Kansas relays shot put champion, went to Philadelphia, Friday instead of the Drake relays where he won the shot put last year. Harris won the discus toss with a heave of 167 feet, 10 1-8 inches for a new Penn relay record for that event. He finished second in the shot put.—Acme photos copyright.

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May 6, 1941

NEGRO RUNNER IS FIELD-TRAINED

Fort Valley, Ga., Student Never Raced Until Last Spring And Wins

Fort Valey, Ga., May 6 (AP) — He trains in a pasture, his track uniform once belonged to the basketball squad, and he never ran a competitive race until this spring. But don't let that fool you. A prairie fire doesnt' move faster.

He is Earnest Marshal, who showed up as a freshman last fall at Fort Valley State College for Negroes. Spare, steel-muscled, shy, he caught the eye of Coach William O'Shields when he trotted around the athletic field.

O'Shields doesn't talk much. But what he did with Marshall spoke volumes when the kid entered the Alabama State Teachers' College realys at Montgomery. Pitted against the South's best negro quartermilers, Marshall did 440 yards in 49 seconds flat and beat the field. A good college performance in any league.

Then O'Shields let the cat from its well-known bag. Not only was it Marshall's first try. He hadn't even practiced on a track. In fact, he hadn't been able to find anyone to run against at Fort Valley.

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News
Birmingham, Ala.

Morris Brown Wins Negro Crown, 19-3

Wilberforce Defeated By Southern Eleven In Steel Bowl Battle

JAN 2 1941

BY JACK HOUSE

The New Year's Day Steel Bowl game is definitely a part of Birmingham now. Following Wednesday's inaugural game played before a crowd around 8,000, the Steel Bowl committee had assurances Thursday that the two leading Negro teams next season will come to Birmingham for the second Steel Bowl game.

Morris Brown College of Atlanta, champions of the South, won the first annual Steel Bowl game, crushing a powerful Wilberforce team from Xenia, Ohio, champions of the Midwest, in a bruising battle, 19-3.

As had been expected, the game developed into a duel between John (Big Train) Moody, Morris Brown's 205-pound fullback, and William Schnebly, Wilberforce's 266-pound left tackle, with Big Train having an edge in all departments.

Coach Gaston (Country) Lewis used his ace, Schnebly, to give his team a three-point margin early in the game. The barrel-built Schnebly kicked a field goal from seven-yard line. Trailing, Morris Brown resorted to power and, brother, what power it was. Big Train Moody took on steam and with the help of Clarence Brown, Joe Jenkins and Joe Mitchell, the Atlanta team went ahead, 7-3, before the first quarter ended.

Joe Jenkins, the 163-pound scat back for the Wolverines, really scattered. Jenkins took a reverse from Moody with the ball on the 37-yard line and ran over for a touchdown, standing up. Later in the game, Jenkins ran 65 yards for another touchdown, making more than 100 yards, the length of the field, in two runs.

But it was Capt. Gerald Brown and Big Train Moody who put the game on ice. After a scoreless second period, Brown recovered a Wilberforce fumble on the 13-yard line in the third period and from there Big Train went over without a stop. This time he failed to convert. Moody also tried a field goal in the second period, but failed to make it. This was an example of how Coach Artis Graves, of Morris Brown, had confidence in his team's ability to hold the Bulldog backs. He figured 10 points might win the game.

The final score came when Jenkins took Schnebly's punt on his own 35-yard line and, cutting back and forth and dodging tacklers, ran 65 yards for his second touchdown. Moody failed to make the extra point. This Jenkins really scooted on this play, but it was due to perfect blocking that the 166-pound back was able to score. Every time a man got in his way, a fellow Wolverine cut him down. And Jenkins must have traveled 100 yards in making 65.

After the final score, made early in the closing period, Morris Brown threatened to score again, but Wilbur Durham fumbled on the five-yard line, and Charles Lofton recovered for Wilberforce. Then Wilberforce turned to deception in a last-minute effort to snatch a score out of fire. Schnebly, the kicker, faded back for the pass. And, standing on his own goal line, instead of kicking he shot a 27-yard pass that was incomplete as the game ended.

Schnebly didn't live up to his reputation as a field goal kicker, but Wilberforce took advantage of his name to work at least two unexpected plays. Once he drew back as if to try a field goal from mid-field (he has kicked them as far as 55 yards), but instead of kicking towards the goal posts, he kicked short out of bounds. The other time was his pass in the shadow of his own goal posts.

Moody was easily the best player on the field and he was carried from the game in the last quarter with an injured ankle. But he did enough damage in the time he was in there—gaining 13 yards on rushing plays. Jim Price was Wilberforce's best gainer with 48 yards on rushing plays. Bernard Proctor and Cilfton Brown ranked next to Price in yards gained for the Midwestern champions.

The game was everything it was expected to be. It settled the national Negro championship, giving the Southland the first undisputed claim on the title and setting the stage for bigger and better games in the future. The Parker High School band put on a dazzling display of maneuvers and music between halves, while the Rosedale band also furnished music from the stands.

Morris Brown scored eight first downs to four for Wilberforce.

Lineups and summary:

Morris Brown (19)—G. Brown, left end; Settles, left tackle; Shepherd, left guard; C. Brown, center; Griffin, right guard; Wysinger, right tackle; Grimes, right end; Durham, quarterback; Jenkins, right halfback; Mitchell, left halfback; Moody, fullback.

Wilberforce (3)—Ross, left end; Schnebly, left tackle; Carter, left guard; Fuller, center; Hoeffman, right guard; Cornwell, right tackle; Bell, right end; Proctor, quarterback; Castleman, left halfback; Hart, right halfback; Clifton Brown, fullback.

Score by quarters:

Morris Brown	7	0	6	6	—19
Wilberforce	3	0	0	0	— 3

Scoring—Morris Brown, touchdowns, Jenkins, Moody. Point after touchdown, Moody; Wilberforce, field goal, Schenbly.

Substitutions — Morris Brown, W. Williams, Collier, Donaldson, S. Jones, C. Williams, Duffield, Franklin. Wilberforce, Qualls, Norris, Jefferson, Ebbs, McFarley, Alexander, Price, Weaver, Lofton, Latham.

Officials—Lennon (Bluefield Teachers), referee; Forte (Boston U.), umpire; Young (Chicago Defender), field judge; Gaston (Tenn. State), headlinesman.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

EX-CHAMPION BOXER TAKES COUNT IN COURT

JAN 4 - 1941

Panama Al Brown Admits Ring Battles Drove Him to Narcotics

Panama Al Brown, the slender, spunky Negro boxer who reigned for years as recognized bantamweight champion, found himself in a spot yesterday where he couldn't fight, and for probably the first time in his life he didn't even try.

Brown is 38 years old, and he does not get many fights. Other times, he did. He fought in Marseilles, and fought hard, although some tough customers are reported to have told him he had better not win. There were three judges—a Frenchman, an Italian and an American. Brown's opponent was a local favorite, and when the Frenchman and the American voted for Brown, the American was badly beaten. The Italian shouted with the larger crowd, for Brown's opponent, Kid Francis. Later the fight was officially awarded to Brown.

Then, in Copenhagen, the tall, unusually lanky bantamweight fought a man named Knud Larsen in an arena that held only 25,000. The other fans got news of the bout from airplanes that flew overhead, carrying red lanterns as signals. Brown won. Another time he left a sickbed to fight Emile (Spider) Pladner in Paris; he won, and fainted after the knockout.

Once, in Paris, he fought so roughly that a riot started, and Joe Jacobs, who was watching, swallowed his cigar, which happened to be lighted at the time.

But all this was a long time ago—as long as eight years.

Yesterday Brown stood before Judge William Bondy in Federal Court and pleaded guilty to possessing and selling narcotics. He said he had invested $280,000 he won in real estate in what is now German-occupied France. The last few bouts he fought he was hurt so badly he took to narcotics.

Judge Bondy ordered a probation report and put off deciding what to do with Brown until Jan. 10.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Train Moody Named Negro Team Captain

JAN 17 1941

Morris Brown Player Leads All-American Eleven For Past Season

BY ROMNEY WHEELER

ATLANTA — (AP) — John (Big Train) Moody, chunky Morris Brown University fullback who sparked his school to a claim on the mythical Negro national football championship, was designated Friday as captain of an All-America honor squad.

Lucius Jones, sports and associate editor of The Atlanta Daily World, Negro newspaper, announced Moody, a 207-pound plunger, was unanimous choice in balloting of varsity players in 40 Negro colleges. The Morris Brown star scored 109 points in nine games to set a new mark for individual performance in Negro intercollegiate football, and paced the Wolverines to a 19-3 victory over Wilberforce in a New Year's Day Steel Bowl inaugural at Birmingham, Ala.

Others on the mythical squad included: Ends, William Horton, Florida A. & M.; Jack Brayboy, Johnson C. Smith College, and Delbert Roberts, Alabama State College for Negroes; tackles, Arnaud Mitchell, Xavier University of New Orleans, and William Schnebly, Wilberforce; guards, James L. Stuart, Hampton Institute, and Herbert Bailey, Prairie View Normal; centers, William Cain, Morgan College, and Ulysses Jones, Southern University; quarterback, Hoy Thurman, Kentucky State College; halfbacks, Kenneth Whitlock, Virginia State, and Jack Gilmore, Lane College.

Brayboy, Whitlock and Gilmore are sophomores; Mitchell, Schnebly and Moody, juniors, and the rest seniors. Under Negro football rules, freshmen are eligible for varsity competition.

Gilmore, who rated close to Moody in the vot[illegible]d the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

basket ball players in scoring last season, and was clocked at 9.8 seconds in the 100-yard dash during Spring track meets.

Schnebly, 266-pound Wilberforce tackle, won similar All-America honor squad rating a year ago. He started for the Xenia, Ohio team as a place-kicker, and booted the lone three points gained by the Midwestern Negro champions in the Steel Bowl contest.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

ZIVIC, ARMSTRONG BOX AGAIN FRIDAY

JAN 12 1941

Pittsburgh Star Will Defend Welterweight Crown in 15 Rounds at Garden

SALICA TO OPPOSE FORTE

Bantamweight Title at Stake in Philadelphia Arena Ring Tomorrow Night

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Once the proud possessor of three world boxing titles, Hammering Henry Armstrong will make a bold bid to regain a third of his vanished laurels—the world welterweight crown—when he faces Fritzie Zivic of Pittsburgh Friday night in a fifteen-round bout in Madison Square Garden. Zivic took the 147-pound honors from Armstrong last Oct. 4 and many thought the ring career of Armstrong had ended.

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The Garden battle will be one of two championships scheduled this week in the East. Tomorrow night in Philadelphia's Arena, Lou Salica, world bantamweight titleholder, will defend against Tommy Forte, Philadelphia challenger, in a bout scheduled for fifteen rounds.

Armstrong comes back fit and ready for the first ring championship of the year in this city. He has recovered completely from the terrific beating he took when he lost his crown to Zivic. The eye trouble which handicapped him has been remedied.

Hammering Henry, after three weeks of preliminary training at Hot Springs, Ark., has transferred the scene of operations to this city and is now hard at work preparing for what may be his last ring stand. A defeat probably will force his retirement.

Henry's Style Solved

Boxing fans generally expect Zivic will again prove his mastery over the fighting demon from the Coast. The point is made that Fritzie, having once solved Armstrong's peculiar style, can beat him again. Armstrong, however, is counted upon by his handlers to display the same crushing force that once swept him into the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles.

Salica's defense of the bantamweight title against Forte tomorrow night has aroused more interest than the ring's "little men" have attracted in Philadelphia since the days when Benny Bass and Danny Kramer were riding the featherweight range. Promoter Herman (Muggsy) Taylor has announced an unusually heavy advance sale and predicts that the battle, which will have a maximum admission charge of $3, will draw a gate of $18,000.

It will be the second meeting of these rivals. In a previous engagement, a non-title event, Forte won a decision over Salica after having had Lou on the floor.

Bashora to Box Macedon

Unbeaten since he began his American ring career, Antonio Fernandez, South American middleweight, will seek to extend his victory string tomorrow night at the St. Nicholas Palace against Andre Jessurun, Bronx veteran, in the feature bout of eight rounds. Joe Bashora, undefeated Puerto Rican middleweight, will box Jay Macedon of New Jersey in another eight-rounder.

Tony Ferrera, Mount Vernon welterweight, undertakes one of the most important ring engagements of his career Tuesday night in the Bronx Coliseum, when he squares off against Mike Kaplan, Boston boxer, in the main bout of eight rounds. In two other eight-round events Abe Denner, Boston featherweight, will oppose Johnny (Mel) Williams, Bronxite, and Teddy Wint, Mount Vernon heavyweight, will face Tony Morelli of Jersey City.

Lenny Mancini, Brownsville's lightweight favorite, will battle Charley Varre, Williamsburg idol, in the principal bout of eight rounds Tuesday night at the Broadway Arena in Brooklyn. The rivalry of these borough enemies has led Promoter Max Joss to predict a capacity crowd. The eight-round semi-final will bring together Pablo Dano and Curley Nichols, featherweights.

Bouts at White Plains

A welterweight battle of eight rounds between Pete DeRuzza, Mamaroneck welterweight, and Victor Dellicurti, Harlem boxer, is scheduled as the feature event at the White Plains County Center Tuesday night. Jimmy McCormick, Detroit welterweight, will engage in his second local battle when he faces Lee Mazzilli, Brooklyn, in the semi-final of six rounds.

A third battle of ten rounds between Norman Rubio, Albany welterweight, and Freddie (Red) Cochrane, New Jersey boxer, is scheduled as the stellar attraction tomorrow night at the Laurel Garden, Newark. Each boasts a victory over the other.

Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C. yesterday launched negotiations for a non-title return bout between Lew Jenkins, world lightweight champion, and Lou Ambers, Herkimer Hurricane, from whom Jenkins won the crown. The contest is proposed over the ten-round distance at 140 pounds as an attraction for Feb. 21 in Madison Square Garden.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Jacobs Silent On Charges Of Monopoly

JAN 7 - 1941

Cleveland Promoters' Plea for Investigation Called 'Silly' by Aide

By International News Service

New York, Jan. 6.—Promoter Mike Jacobs tonight withheld comment on the action of Cleveland fight promoters, Robert Brickman and Ben Goetz, who are seeking a Congressional investigation of Jacobs' so-called monopoly on boxing.

The two promoters asked United States Senator Harold H. Burton, of Ohio, to institute a Congressional investigation of what they claimed was "a monopoly on boxing held by Promoter Jacobs in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Law."

A source close to Jacobs, however, termed the whole thing as "silly."

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Brickman and Goetz are promoting a 15-round title fight between Melio Bettina, of Beacon, N. Y., and Anton Christoforidis, a Greek boxer, for the "light-heavyweight championship."

Jacobs said that Billy Conn, current 175-pound king, will file a suit for damages against the promoters, if they continue to advertise the Bettina-Christoforidis battle for the "light-heavyweight championship." Jacobs declared that Conn will also file suit against Joe Triner, president of the National Boxing Association, because the latter has declared the title to be vacant.

Conn, according to Jacobs, has not renounced his title and has agreed to fight the winner of the Jimmy Webb-Tommy Tucker bout, scheduled for New York February 28.

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Conn already has signed a contract with Jacobs to fight Joe Louis for the heavyweight crown in June. Johnny Ray, Conn's manager, was expected to issue a statement upon his arrival in New York from Pittsburgh tomorrow.

I Cover THE EASTERN FRONT

By EDDIE GANT..

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FEB 1 1941

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Another capacity crowd at Madison Square Garden is in prospect for Friday night when Joe Louis defends his heavyweight championship against Red Burman, Joe's thirteenth challenger. Louis, as usual, rules a prohibitive favorite, and Burman's chances of taking the title are very remote in the eyes of the betting public, but Burman has many friends along the Middle Atlantic section and large groups of them are planning to take in the New York scrap.

Burman is a native of Baltimore and has fought many good battles in the Monumental City, where the fight fans take their boxing sons seriously. Burman went to St. Peter's Parochial school in Baltimore, where he was captain of the basketball team before deserting the pursuit of higher education for the boxing ring. He started his fight career in the city amateur tournaments and won his way to the top.

Outside of his immediate vicinity, Burman is probably little known, except for his defeat of Tommy Farr, the English challanger, who stayed 15 rounds with Louis, but if you want to get a good bet on Burman's chances just look up any Marylander. They think he'll be champion come midnight Friday night. Naturally we object and are willing to lay it on the line that Red won't answer the gong for the seventh round.

Defender * * FEB 1 1941

BASKETBALL, a la Southern Conference style, will invade the C.I.A.A. ranks this week as Tuskegee Institute makes a tour of the conference schools. The Tigers are listed for games with North Carolina State, Hampton and Morgan. A contest was slated with Union, the C.I.A.A. champions, in New York but promoters were unable to complete arrangements and Tuskegee made connections at Morgan.

It is probably well that things turned out as they did as a Tuskegee-Union basketball game in New York on the same week-end that Joe Louis fights and the Millrose track and field games are held would be only a small drawing attraction.

Chicago * *

HOWARD'S CAGE TEAM, like its gridiron eleven, has apparently been stung with the bug of defeatism. To date, the Bisons have been unable to score a victory in a conference court contest whereas heretofore basketball was Howard's forte. Examinations cut the schedule down to only a few games in the conference this week, but things will be moving at top speed beginning Saturday and we hope that Howard can hit a winning streak as we would hate to see the Bisons on the bottom in everything.

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The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

HOW TWO PHILLY TEAMS CAN GET INTO THE RACES

APR 23 1941

Negro Stars Available—Manager Prothro Would Grab Them If He Got Permission—'Record' Sees New Pep, Interest

By Lester Rodney

There's another dismal season ahead for Philadelphia baseball fans. Let's not mince words. Both the Phillies and the A's are pathetic excuses for big league teams. The majority of players on them are fine earnest boys doing the best they can, but are either of minor league calibre or in need of seasoning they never got in double A ball. Neither team has one starting pitcher of recognized winning calibre. Either or both can easily break all previous records for losing this season. A hell of a prospect for the fans of Philadelphia who would like to take in a good ball game once in a while during the summer.

Are there any ball players available who would change the picture? Who would immediately make a difference in the calibre of play of these two alleged major league clubs?

Here's what the Philadelphia "Record", under the title "STARS FOR PHILS, PEP FOR A'S, AMONG NEGRO PLAYERS," said on May 14, 1940:

"The Athletics and Phillies can be pennant contenders—not next year or the year after or five years from now—but immediately." APR 23 1941

Here's what Doc Prothro, manager of the Phillies, said on May 30th, 1939 (Sunday Worker):

DOC PROTHRO

"If given permission I would jump at the opportunity of signing a good Negro player. I need good players. . . . There are a great many Negro ball players around the country capable of making the grade in the major leagues. And if we managers were given permission, I'm sure that the majority of us would be signing them up as fast as possible."

The "Record", Philadelphia's largest morning paper, went on to quote many big league players and managers who had been interviewed on the subject of the Jim Crow ban against Negro stars. The greatest stars of the game were unanimous in saying that many Negro players, now kept out by the magnate's unwritten Jim Crow ban would be in the big leagues. The "Record" concluded its article by saying:

"Nobody seems to have consulted the fans. There is an even chance—and a whole lot more—that a few thousand fans who have been staying away from the A's and the Phils might turn out to see what Paige and Gibson and a few more like them, might do in the major leagues."

The forthright Prothro, who came up from Memphis and is recognized throughout the baseball world as a highly competent manager joined other big league owners and officials in saying:

"It is up to the big league owners and officials, not the managers."

"I've seen at least six Negro players in an exhibition game on the Coast whom I thought I could use in the big leagues. Satchell Paige? With a pitcher like him on my ball club, many of my worries would be over. He has a world of stuff and he certainly knows how to use it. His fast ball, I would say, is the best I've ever seen."

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Philly players interviewed at that time (the personnel has since changed) were unanimous in saying that they knew many Negro players who should be in the big leagues. Morrie Arnovich, Hugh Mulcahy, Spud Davis, all paid high tribute. What they had to say reflected the fundamental democratic feelings of all players, including those from the South. Carl Hubbell and Mel Ott of Texas and Louisiana, for example, each said he had played against many Negroes who should have been in the majors. Hubbell rated Josh Gibson the greatest catcher in history.

Of all the players and managers who were interviewed, only one said that Negro players shouldn't be in the big leagues. That was Manager Bill Terry of the Giants, and even he had to admit what had been kept out of print all these years, the fact that there were many Negro players capable of starring in the big leagues.

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Fan pressure can change the magnates' minds, and can hit home in Philadelphia quicker than in any other city right now. Can put Negro stars in Shibe Park this very summer in fact, thus opening the way to the ending of Jim Crow all along the line.

How about it, Philly fans?

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

NOTRE DAME STAR WINS SHOT PUT AT PENN RELAYS

Delaney Tops Harris of Indiana by ⅛ Inch.

APR 26 1941

Philadelphia, Pa., April 25 (AP).—Les MacMitchell carried New York university to first place today in the distance and sprint medley relay races that featured the opening program of the two day Penn relay carnival.

Running under ideal conditions MacMitchell ran a 4:13.6 anchor mile and a 1:54.1 anchor half that gave his highly rated team victories over Indiana, considered N. Y. U.'s strongest opposition.

In the distance medley MacMitchell, taking the baton on even terms with Big Ten Mile Champion Campbell Kane of Indiana, beat the Hoosier to the pole, led him by two yards for the next three and three-quarter laps, and won by five yards as Kane, once having discovered he couldn't match MacMitchell's kick, eased up in the closing strides. N. Y. U.'s time in this event was 10 minutes 5.5 seconds, far off the meet record.

Win Again in Sprint Event.

Another MacMitchell-Kane battle had been promised in the final half mile of the sprint medley, but failed to materialize as the race was run in two sections. Indiana won the first in 3:28.7, also comparatively slow time, and MacMitchell then topped off a front running race for N. Y. U. in the second half to beat the Hoosiers by three-tenths of a second in 3:28.4.

The other major relay, the quarter mile, resulted in a triumph for Duke, its first at this meet. Anchored by Sophomore Moffat Storer of Wheeling, W. Va., the Blue Devils whipped around the cinder track in 42 seconds to beat North Texas State Teachers and Xavier of New Orleans. The margin was only the last second lunge with Storer threw himself into the tape.

Wilt Wins Two Mile. APR 26 1941

The spectators saw only one of the two meet records the day produced. This was in the two mile, won by Indiana's Fred Wilt in 9:17.6 to wipe out a mark of 20 years standing. Wilt beat Gilbert Dodds of Ashland, O. college, who led for all but the last lap, by 15 yards.

The other mark, made on an adjoining field, went to Archie Harris, Indiana Negro weight man, whose discus throw of 167 feet 10⅛ inches supplanted the record set two years ago by Bill Faymonville of Notre Dame. Harris was runner-up in the shot put to Jim Delaney of Notre Dame, whose toss of 50 feet 8½ inches was an eighth of an inch better than Harris'.

The afternoon's other college performances were indifferent, Gilder Farrow of Xavier won the 400 meter hurdles in 55.2 seconds and Ed Dugger of Tufts, one of the country's best high hurdlers, took the 120 special in :14.4. Summaries:

COLLEGE RELAYS.

QUARTER MILE—Won by Duke [Werner Brown, Edward Sargent, Ernest Vail, Moffat Storer]; North Texas Teachers, second; Xavier University, third; Navy, fourth. Time :42.

DISTANCE MEDLEY—Won by New York [George Hagans, Harold Bogrow, William Hulse, Leslie MacMitchell]; Indiana, second; Fordham, third; Yale, fourth; St. Francis [Brooklyn], fifth; Cornell, sixth; Manhattan seventh; Temple, eighth. Time—10:05.5.

SPRINT COLLEGE MEDLEY RELAY [440 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards]—Won by New York U. [Bogrow, Fangboner, Hagans, MacMitchell]; Indiana, second; Pittsburgh, third; St. John's [Brooklyn], fourth. Time, 3:28.4.

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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

SHOT PUT—Won by James Delaney, Notre Dame, 50 feet 8½ inches; Archie Harris, Indiana, 50 feet 8⅜ inches, second; Edward Beetem, Pennsylvania, 50 feet 4⅛ inches, third; Edward Hasnfeldt, Navy, 48 feet 10½ inches, fourth; Samuel Taylor, Syracuse, 48 feet 4¾ inches, fifth.

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Edward Dugger, Tufts; William Gillis, Army, second; Thomas Todd Jr., Virginia, third; Richard Osborn, Yale, fourth. Time—:14.4.

DISCUS—Won by Archie Harris, Indiana, 167 feet 10⅛ inches; Edward Hasnfeldt, Navy, 155 feet 3¼ inches, second; John Nania, Duke, 142 feet 9 inches, third; Steve Lach, Duke, 140 feet 11¾ inches, fourth; Daniel Bonham, Bloomsburg [Pa.] Teachers, 138 feet 7⅛ inches, fifth. [New Penn relay record; former record, 163 feet 4 inches, set by William Faymonville, Notre Dame, in 1939.]

TWO MILE RUN—Won by Frederick L. Wilt, Indiana; Gilbert Dodds, Ashland [O.] college, second; John Corbett, Catholic U., third; Walter Sterner, Pittsburgh, fourth; Albert Obrist, Syracuse, fifth. Time, 9:17.6. [New Penn relay record; former record of 9:35.4 set by R. B. Buker, Bates, in 1921.]

400 METER HURDLE—Won by Gilder Farrow, Xavier [New Orleans]; John Di Carlo, Villanova, second; Fabian Francis, New York U., third; Walter Hall, Tufts, fourth; George Spontak, Bloomsburg [Pa.] Teachers, fifth. Time, :55.2.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

McDaniel, Cohen, (No. 1, 2) Both of New Orleans, La.

MAY 3 - 1941

Top Women — Agnes Lawson, Kathryn Jones, From Prairie View, Tuskegee

MAY 3 - 1941

By ARTHUR P. CHIPPEY
Secretary A. T. A.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Ratings of the American Tennis Association for the year 1940 have just been released through the office of the Secretary of the Association. Serving on the Rating Committee with Miss Laura V. Junior, Philadelphia, Chairman, are: Dr. Andrew L. Jackson, Providence, R. I., E. Harold Hopper, East Orange, N. J., A. E. MacDowell, New York City, and Dr. L. E. McCauley, Raleigh, N. C.

MEN'S SINGLES—14 Metrolite

1.—**Jimmie McDaniel**, New Orleans, La. Winner National Championships Tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio; Winner New York Open Tournament; Winner Eastern Sectional Open Tournament; Winner North Carolina Open Tournament; Winner Chatauqua Tennis Club Open Tournament; Winner Mall Tennis Club Open Tournament; Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament.

2.—**Richard Cohen**, New Orleans, La. Finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner South Carolina Open Tournament; Finalist Chautauqua Club Open Tournament; Finalist North Carolina Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Eastern Sectional Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist New York Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Mall Tennis Club Open Tournament.

3.—**John Chandler**, Fanwood, New Jersey. Semi-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner New England Open Tournament;, Finalist Eastern Sectional Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist New York Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Chautauqua Club Open Tournament; Finalist Mall Tennis Club Open Tournament,

4.—**Clifford Russell**, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Semi-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner Southern Open Sectional Tournament; Winner Florida Open Tournament; Finalist 24th Infantry Open Tournament; Quarter-Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament.

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5.—**Reginald Weir**, M. D., New York City. Quarter-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Finalist New York Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Eastern Open Sectional Tournament.

6.—**Howard Minnis**, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Quarter-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner 24th Infantry Open Tournament; Finalist Southern Open Sectional Tournament; Semi-Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament.

7.—**Harmon Fitch**, Winston-Salem, N. C. Round before Quarter Finals National Championship Tournament; Quarter-Finalist New York Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament.

8.—**Lloyd Scott**, Prairie View, Texas. Quarter-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Semi-Finalist Southern Open Sectional Tournament.

9.—**Tommy Walker**, Chicago, Ill. Round before Quarter-Finalist National Championships; Quarter-Finalist New York Open Tournament.

10.—**Eyre Saitch**, New York City Two Rounds before Quarter-Finals National Tournament; Semi-Finalist North Carolina Open Tournament; Quarter-Finalist New York Open Tournament; Quarter-Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament.

11.—**Henry Graham**, Cleveland, Ohio
12.—**Ernest McCampbell**, Detroit Michigan.
13.—**Theodore Cousins**, Institute West Va.
14.—**Clarence Hunter**, Detroit, Mich
15.—**W. H. Hall**, Louisville, Ky.
16.—**Johnson Wells**, Institute, W. Va
17.—**John McGriff, Jr.**, Portsmouth Va.
18.—**C. O. Hilton**, M. D., Newark, N J.
19.—**T. R. Lawson**, Prairie View, Tex
20.—**Robert C. Bennett**, Chicago, Ill

ALPHABETICAL ORDER

21.—Gerald Alleyne, Brooklyn, N. Y
22.—Howard Brown, Boston, Mass.
23.—Ellwood D. Downing, D. D. S. Roanoke, Va.
24.—Donald Ellis, Brooklyn, N. Y.
25.—William Gardner.
26.—John Graves.
27.—Albert McDaniel, Los Angeles Cal.
28.—Logan McWilson, Montclair, N. J.
29.—Gerald F. Norman, Jr., Flushing, N. Y.
30.—A. Romeo, Somers Isles, Bermuda.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1.—Agnes Lawson, Prairie View, Texas. Winner National Championship Tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio; Winner Prairie View Open Sectional Tournament.

2.—Kathryn Jones, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner Southern Open Tournament; Winner New England Closed Tournament.

3.—Floma Lomax, Detroit, Michigan. Quarter-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner New York Open Tournament.

4.—**Margaret Peters**, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Semi-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Semi-Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Southern Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Florida Open Tournament; Finalist 24th Infantry Open Tournament.

5.—**Roumania Peters**, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Quarter-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Finalist Southern Open Tournament; Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist Florida Open Tournament; Semi-Finalist 24th Infantry Open Tournament.

6.—Mayme Stanley, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
7.—Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8.—Lula Ballard, Cleveland, Ohio.
9.—Jean Strode, Cleveland, Ohio.
10.—Carrie Belle Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.
11.—Gwen McDaniel, Los Angeles, Cal.
12.—Cecil Ward, Los Angeles, Cal.
13.—Lillian Van Buren, Detroit, Mich.
14.—Fredonia Bundy, New York City
15.—Bertha Isaacs, Nassau, Bahama Islands.
16.—Ilga Bethel, Nassau, Bahama Islands.
17.—Cleo Grosvenor, Brooklyn, N. Y
18.—Edith Arnold, Atlanta, Ga.
19.—Inez Patterson, New York City.
20.—Anna B Showers, Brooklyn,, N Y.

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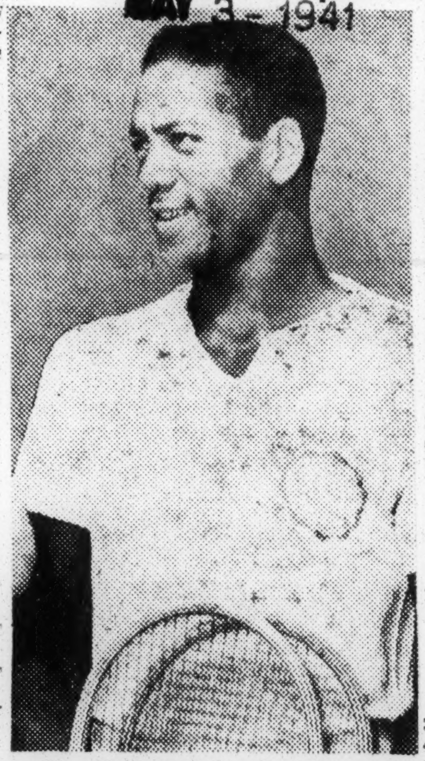

For the second successive year Jimmy McDaniel, crack Xavier niversity of Louisiana tennis star, tops the list of ATA rankings.

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VETERANS' SINGLES

1.—**John B. Garrett**, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
2.—Isaac Rivers, Chicago, Ill.
3.—Charles W. Lewis, Sr., Prairie View, Texas.
4.—Charles W. Williams, New York City.
5.—Clarence J. Grinnell, Philadelphia, Pa.
6.—William R. Granger, Brooklyn, N. Y.
7.—L. E. Spooner, New York City.
8.—L. E. McCauley, M. D., Raleigh, N. C.

JUNIOR SINGLES

1.—**Joseph King**, McIntosh, Ga. Winner National Championship Tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio; Winner New York Open Tournament; Winner Eastern Open Sectional Tournament; Winner Chatauua Open Tournament; Winner South Carolina Open Tournament; Winner 24th Infantry Open Tournament; Winner Mall Club Open Tournament.

2.—**Richard Cunningham**, Cleveland Ohio. Finalist National Championship Tournament

3.—**Robert Ashford**, Columbia, S. C. Semi-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Finalist New York Open Tournament; Finalist South Carolina Open Tournament; Finalsit 24th Infantry Open Tournament; Winner Southern Open Tournament.

4.—**Roland McDaniel**, Richmond, Va Semi-Finalist National Championship Tournament; Semi-Finalist New York pen Tournament; Finalist Chatauqua Club Open Tournament.

5.—**Marshall Arnold**, Atlanta, Ga Quarter-Finalist National Championship Tournament.

6.—Wendell Collins, Durham, N. C.
7.—Raymond Jackson, New York City.
8.—Stafford Flowers, Richmond, Va.
9.—Norman Morris, Detroit, Mich.
10.—James Green, Chicago, Ill.
11.—Jefferson Craig, Scotch Plains, N. J.
12.—Robert Scott, Atlanta, Ga.
13.—Jack Points, Wilberforce, Ohio.
14.—David Chenault, Cincinnati, Ohio.
15.—Leonard Fuller, Los Angeles, Cal.
16.—Quinton Vaughan, Brooklyn, N. Y.
17.—William Ming, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
18.—George Simkins, Durham, N. C.
19.—Carlton Ashby, New York City.
20.—Winfield Ashby, New York City.
21.—Norman Spaulding, Chicago, Ill.

GIRLS SINGLES

1.—**Helen Hutchinson**, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Winner National Championship Tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio; Winner Florida Open Tournament; Winner 24th Infantry Tournament.

2.—**Thelma McDaniel**, Richmond, Va Finalist National Championship Tournament; Semi-Finalist New York Open Tournament; Finalist Algonquin Club Open Tournament.

3.—Florice Holmes, Durham, N. C.
4.—Audrey Davis, New Jersey.
5.—Nana Davis, New Jersey.
6.—Vivien Murphy, Buffalo, N. Y.
7.—Dorothy Davis, New Jersey.
8.—Gloria Downing, Roanoke, Va.
9.—R. Daniels, Orangeburg, S. C.
10.—D. Daniels, Orangeburg, S. C.
11.—Augustine Reeder, Washington, D. C.
12.—Marjorie Shepard, Atlanta, Ga.
13.—Dorothea Simmons, Somers Isles, Bermuda.

BOYS SINGLES

1.—Charles W. Lewis, Jr., Prairie View, Texas. Winner National Championship Tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio
2.—Robert Isaacs, Nassau, Bahama Islands. Finalist National Championship Tournament.
3.—Leslye Stallworth, Chicago, Ill.
4.—Louis Chippey, Raleigh, N. C.
5.—Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C
6.—George Branch, Tuskegee, Ala.
7.—DeWitt Willis, Plainfield, N. J.
8.—Walter Palmer, Columbia, S. C.
9.—William C. Lewis, 3rd, Orangeburg, S. C.
10.—Thomas Byers, Durham, N. C
11.—William Preston, Roanoke, Va.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1.—Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee Institute
2.—John Wood and William E. Jones, Baltimore, Md.
3.—Richard Cohen and Jimmie McDaniel, New Orleans, La.
4.—Dr. John L. McGriff and J. L McGriff, Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
5.—Tommy Walker and Robert Ryland, Chicago, Ill.
6.—Dr. C. O. Hilton and Logan McWilson, Newark and Montclair, N J.
7.—J D. Russell and Ben Tiff, Cleveland, Ohio.
8.—Dr. R. Walter Johnson and Harmon Fitch, Lynchburg, Va.
9.—Johnson Wells and Theodore Cousins, Institute, West Va.
10.—Howard Brown, Boston, and Walter Mitchell, Cincinnati, Ohio

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—14 metrolite

1.—Margaret and Roumania Peters Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
2.—Ora Washington, Phila., and Anita Gant, Washington, D. C.
3.—Gwen McDaniel and Evelene Thornton, Los Angeles, Cal.
4.—Cecil Ward and Carrie Belle Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.
5.—Kathryn Jones and Mayme Stanley, Tuskegee Institute Ala.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

1.—Robert Ashford, Columbia, S. C. and Roland McDaniel, Richmond, Va.
2.—Marshall Arnold, Atlanta, Ga and Joseph King, McIntosh, Ga.
3.—Weldon Collins, Durham, N. C and Stafford Flowers, Richmond Va.
4.—Richard Cunningham, Cleveland and Jack Points, Wilberforce, Ohio
5.—Walter Palmer, Columbia, S. C and Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C
6.—James Wood, Baltimore, Md., and Charles Lewis, Orangeburg, S. C.
7.—Albert Vincent and Raymond Jackson, New York City.
8.—Delbert Russell and Norman Morris, Detroit, Michigan.

MIXED DOUBLES

1.—Flora Lomax, Detroit, Mich. and W. H. Hall, Louisville, Ky.
2.—Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, and John Wood, Baltimore, Md.
3.—Ora Washington and Sylvester B Smith, D.D.S., Philadelphia, Pa.
4.—Anita Gant, Washington, D. C. and John Chandler, Fanwood, N J.

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5.—Agnes Lawson and T. R. Lawson Prairie View, Texas.

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The Union
Cincinnati, Ohio

Armstrong Fought, Like A Bulldog, Or A Game Cock!

"IN SUCH A VICTORY THERE WAS GLORY, IN SUCH DEFEAT NO DISGRACE."

JAN 23 1941

(By GAYLE TALBOT)

New York—(AP)—The career of one of the greatest little fighters in the ring has seen came to an abrupt and bloody end last night when they guided Henry Armstrong's uncertain feet down the steps from Madison Square Garden ring for the last time.

A crowd of more than 23,000, the biggest ever to jam its way into the Eighth Avenue Arena for a boxing match, fittingly was on hand to stand and cheer the little Negro as he groped his way, nearly blinded, to the dressing room and fistic oblivion.

Henry went out as would have been expected—fighting. Fritzie Zivic, the welterweight champion from Pittsburgh, gave him a savage beating, closing his eyes and cutting his face into hamburger. Henry's attempt to win back one of the three titles he once held was hopeless from the start. But Referee Arthur Donovan still had to tell him when he was licked.

The end came, mercifully, after 52 seconds of fighting in the 12th round, when Donovan, hearkening to the roar of "stop it" from the crowd, took Armstrong in his arms protectively and led the little fighter to his corner.

Just before, Henry had supplied a last thrill for his followers. At the start of the 11th, Donovan looked carefully at Henry's battered features and told him: "One more round, Henry." From somewhere Armstrong summoned the strength to go out and slug Zivic all over the ring and to win the round—his second of the battle. Donovan must have felt that this deserved an encore, for he let Armstrong grope his way out once again. He saw quickly that was a mistake, that Henry had shot his bolt in that heroic attempt to stop Zivic. ***

Some thought Zivic was less than brilliant in slashing Henry into his final defeat, and said that the Negro in his prime would have taken the youngest of the Zivics apart. That might have been true. But Zivic, for the night and the particular job, was almost the perfect workman. ***

Eddie Mead, Armstrong's manager, did not seee or hear the downfall of his little friend and idol. Bedded with a heart illness, he was given a heavy sleeping potion just before the bout began and was awakened only to be told the result.—Times-Star.

Globe and Independent
Nashville. Tenn.

Once Holder of Three Titles Announces Retirement

JAN 24 1941

Eyes Prove Unequal To Task As Hammering Hank Suffers First T. K. O. Since Becoming Prominent

By H. A. Boyd II

When Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in after 52 seconds of the twelfth round and stopped the Armstrong-Zivic fight, it marked the end for one of the greatest fighters the squared circle has ever produced. Once holder of three world titles at the same time Armstrong has nothing to be ashamed of in Friday night's defeat. He went out fighting, yes, fighting to the end not only against a man who was taller and who had a longer reach, but against an eyesight hampered by optics which had failed him.

Not one of the persons in the vast audience of 23,190 (the largest crowd ever to attend any sports even in the Garden) will forget the drama and the great rally which Armstrong put up in the eleventh round after the referee at the end of the tenth walked over to his corner and warned him that he would be given one more round.

In that round, that memorial eleventh, Armstrong appeared to be at his old self, but the little human battling ram could not keep the pace. He was fighting on instinct and as the crowd yelled for the fight to be stopped, Armstrong's last flurry shut them up. He was giving them all he had, the same thing which had won him fame in more than two hundred professional fights which he has engaged and it looked for a moment as if he might snatch a victory out of the depths of defeat.

But in the twelfth the picture changed. He had given his all in the eleventh round gamble. Although his face was already a mass of cuts and bruises he wanted to continue, but the energy that was once behind that relentless attack and which had enabled him to keep on top of an opponent was no longer there. Yes, he was through—the greatest fighting machine of all times. As he came in, he went out—in a blaze of glory. Although defeated the crowd was applauding him.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAGE AND TRACK MEETS AT TUSKEGEE

JAN 18 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Jan. 16—The Eighth Annual Southern Conference Basketball Tournament will be held in Logan Hall at Tuskegee Institute February 27-28, and March 1, it was announced here Saturday by a tournament official. He also stated that the Thirteenth Annual Junior and Senior Women's Track and Field Championships and the Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival will be held in the Bowl May 9 and 10, respectively. The golf and tennis championships will be held on May 8.

Guardian
Boston, Mass.

Sugar Bowl Bars Colored Track Kings

JAN 4 - 1941

NEW ORLEANS—The 1941 Sugar Bowl track meet held here this week had no colored athletes represented.

Among those competing, all white, were Fred Walcott of Rice, Marsh Farmer of Texas, and Allen Tolmich of Detroit, in the hurdles.

Half milers were Charlies Beetham of Ohio, Campbell Kane of Indiana and Les McMitchell of N. Y. U.

Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

Satchel Paige Suspended from Puerto Rico League

MAR 11 1941

(The Associated Press)

San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 10.—Satchel Paige, famous Negro baseball pitcher, has been fined $25 and suspended for a year in Puerto Rico's semipro league.

President Carlos Garcia ruled that Paige repeatedly and deliberately delayed a game while pitching Guayama to a victory over Ponce.

MAR 11 1941

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

National High School Cage Meet At Tuskegee

MAR 11 1941

TUSKEGEE, ALA., March 10.—(AP)—The seventh annual national invitational interscholastic basketball tournament for negro high schools will be held at Tuskegee Institute here March 27-29, it was announced today by Cleve L. Abbott, director.

Drawings will be held at 8 p.m. March 26 and Institute authorities said only schools filing applications to enter would be considered. Players must not have completed high school grades and must not be more than 20.

Pilot to See Henry Feted

World Telegram

Mead Arrives from Hot Springs For Neil Award to Armstrong

New York, N.Y.

JAN 9 1941

By LESTER BROMBERG.

When Henry Armstrong, for whom the word will always be valiant, is presented with the 1940 Eddie Neil Memorial Award by Jimmy Walker tonight at the dinner of the New York Boxing Writers' Assn. in Ruppert's Brewery a welcome—and unexpected—onlooker will be the man who helped him make history, Eddie Mead.

The manager, still a sick citizen, although released from a hospital in Hot Springs a couple of weeks ago, arrived this morning. Mead just couldn't stay away. He had to see Henry get this climaxing honor in the sunset of a career that at one time found the little Negro in possession of three championships—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight.

His visit to the dinner is a concession by doctors, who are keeping Mead under strict supervision. It's not likely Eddie will be permitted to play any active part in the handling of Armstrong in Henry's attempt to recapture the 147-pound title from Fritzie Zivic a week from tomorrow in the Garden.

Armstrong is the third winner of the plaque given annually to the person adjudged "having done the most for boxing." The trophy is named for the late sports writer of the Associated Press, who died from wounds while a foreign correspondent covering the Spanish civil war.

The dinner, limited to 200, will be the scene of a presentation to Walker, father of the boxing law in this state, which is in its 21st year. Nat Fleischer, Ring Magazine editor, will make the award, the gift being a silver desk set.

Kieran To Be Toastmaster; Louis, Braddock on Dais.

John Kieran, sports columnist and savant of birds, blitzkriegs and bards on Information Please, will act as toastmaster. Dais occupants will include Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, who tomorrow begins training at Greenwood Lake, for his Jan. 31 Garden effort against Red Burman, and former Champion Jim Braddock.

Other important figures who will be up front: Gen. John J. Phelan, D. Walker Wear and Bill Brown, New York commissioners; Michael F. Walsh, Secretary of State; Abe J. Greene, New Jersey commissioner; Supreme Court Justice George Brower, a former New York commissioner; Col. John Reed Kilpatrick, Damon Runyon and George Ruppert.

Jack Dempsey and Billy Conn, voted the Neil Memorial in previous years, are out of the city, but notables in the audience will include Lou Ambers, Tony Canzoneri, Mike Jacobs, Herman Taylor, Johnny Dundee, Frank Frisch, Waite Hoyt, Julian Black, John Roxborough, James J. Johnston, Lester Patrick and Bert Stand.

The tribute to Armstrong will also be observed by Zivic, who begins training today at the Pioneer Gym. Henry already has sparred 14 rounds at Stillman's and is prefacing his appearance tonight with an afternoon workout.

Selected as much for his brave effort in defeat last fall as for his prior achievements, Armstrong plans to toughen up his eyebrows, which helped cause his downfall,

Henry Armstrong. Eddie Mead.

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by boxing without a protective mask in the gym.

"I've been working nicely," he said. "The cold I came in with has been going away and I hope I can justify the honor being paid me by winning on the 17th."

Zivic was more than a little miffed by the threat of Harry Armstrong, Henry's trainer, to "use a bottle on him if he fouls Henry again." Fritzie said: "It's not right for him to say that. I never thumb anybody."

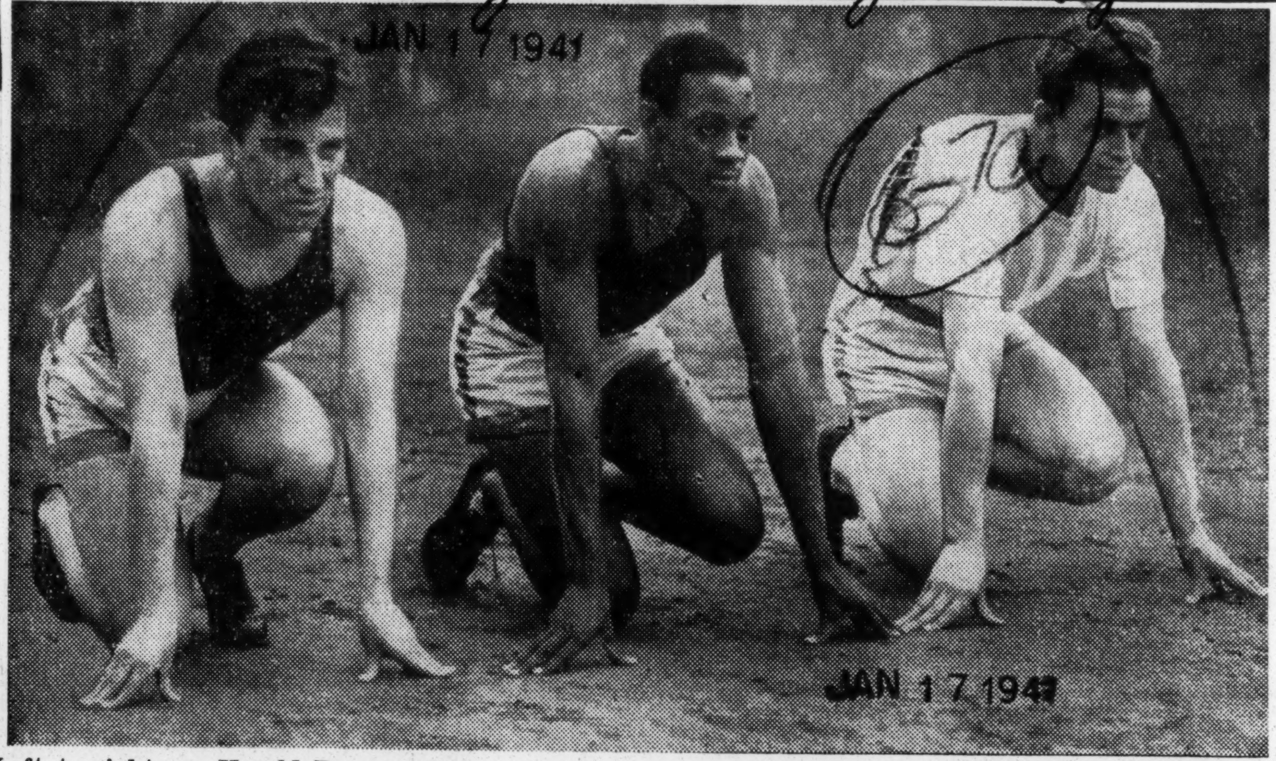
The tuxedo Armstrong will sport at the dinner will go back in the morning, for he left his dress clothes in Los Angeles.

Murray Lewin of the Daily Mirror is 1941 president of the Boxing Writers' Assn., having succeeded James P. Dawson of the Times.

Fleet Violets Get on Their Marks

World Telegram New York, N.Y.

JAN 17 1941



JAN 17 1941

Left to right are Harold Bogrow, George Hagans and Jared Fangboner of the N. Y. U. varsity track squad. But there are many more speedy wearers of the Violet. Three quartets will try to retain metropolitan titles in three relays tomorrow night at the annual meet in the Bronx Coliseum.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

World's High Jump Record Falls!

SEATTLE, Wash.—(SNS)—Les Steers, white field artist of the University of Oregon, broke the world's outdoor high jump mark Saturday afternoon when he leapt 6 feet, 10 3-4 inches, to take first place in the event in a dual meet between his college and the University of Washington.

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The previously listed world high jump record of 6 feet, 9 3-4 inches, was set jointly by Cornelius Johnson, ex-Compton (Cal) Junior College star, and David Albritton, late of Ohio State University but now head track coach at the sepia Alabama State Teachers College in Montgomery, Alabama.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

NO NEGRO WINNERS AT DRAKE

MAY 2 1941

DES MOINES, Ia.—(ANP)— No Negro athlete was able to win an individual title in the 32nd annual Drake relays held here Friday and Saturday, although several competed and aided their teams in relay races.

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Leo Tarrant of Alabama State, touted as a winner in the century, were nosed out by Carlton Terry of Texas U. in 9.7 seconds. Walter Revell of Pittsburg, Kas. Teachers, qualified for the 120 yard high hurdles finals but failed to place. Walker of Alabama State was fourth in the broad jump at 23 feet 3¼ inches and Rogers of Lincoln U., Missouri, tied for third in the high piump with seven others at 6 feet 2 inches.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

36 Negro Stars In Mexican League

MAY 3 - 1941

MEXICO, D.F.—Thirty-six former stars of the Negro National and Negro American Leagues, will play here this summer with the six teams of the Mexican Professional Baseball League, according to an announcement made here Monday. Under the rule which limits each team to eight foreigners, the following teams have signed a large number of the colored stars:

Vera Cruz—Joshua Gibson, Barney Brown, Willie Wells, Johnny Taylor, Bud Barbase and Ray Dandridge.

Mexico City—Bill Perkins, Leroy Matlock, Martin Dihigo, Theolic Smith and Burnis Wright.

Monterey—Quincey Troupe, William Jefferson, Leroy Morney, Leslie Green, Barney Morris, Henry McHenry, and Sammy Baskhead.

Tampico—Nate Moreland, Jelly Taylor, James Direux, Larry Brown, James Ford and Lennie Sommers.

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Tooreon—Leon Ruffin, Roy Wellmaker, James Bell, Hilton Smith Chester Williams and Alexander Crespo.

Puebla—Ed Stone, Ted Strong, Pullman Porter, Bill Brown, Bert Hunter and Tom Dukes.

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The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

CCNY Fan Says Kasner Of B'klyn Rates All Met Spot Over City's Phillips

MAR 21 1941

Wednesday.

Dear Lester:

This letter is in reply to your request for a debate on the Lester Rodney vs. Jack Jules controversy in re: "All-City Basketball Team."

I merely want to comment on your choice of Claude Phillips as against Jack's pick of Jules Kasner.

We, at City College, (and from that you gather I'm a City rooter—right again—I'm an alumnus) love our athletes. The reason is that we understand the burden of keeping up with studies and social problems in addition to maintaining the high standard of training set by our athletic coaches.

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However, at the same time that we admire our athletes, we also respect the ability of others. As much as I'd like to see two City College men on the All-City Basketball Team I don't think we really deserve it. Phillips, the great Negro sophomore, still needs more time to mature. He showed great form in the beginning of the season but let down very much in the last two months. Kasner has had the ability to keep his team together ALL season. He really took over after Hank Mariaschin was hurt. Kasner belongs with Holtzman. They're real fighters. Jules wins out this time.

Regards and luck,

JERRY LIEBERMAN.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Rens Beat Stars in Spain Game as Crowd Cheers Both

APR 14 1941

2,000 at Royal Windsor See Great Negro Five Win Benefit Game for Refugees, 47-40

A great team won a great game for a great cause Saturday night at the Royal Windsor as a crowd of over 2,000 cheered both the winners and losers for contributing their services to the Veterans of the Lincoln Battalion in behalf of refugees from Spain and prisoners of Franco.

The world famed Rennaissance, Negro champions who have beaten the best team in the country year after year, were too much for an All Star outfit that put up surprisingly stiff resistance considering the fact that several of the best of the announced stars were unable to take part in the game due to circumstances beyond their control. The score was 47-40, with the Rens pulling away with spectacular bursts of ball handling and deadly short range shooting whenever the Stars threatened.

KING LEADS STARS

Wee Willie Smith, famous six foot six center, led the winning attack with 14 points, but the high scorer for the night was Bill King, LIU All American of the season just past. Bill played center for the Stars and scored 16 points with the twisting pivot shots Garden fans have seen so often, and an accurate set shot he rarely used in college ball.

Two of the professional stars who had been scheduled to play for the Stars, Sammy Kaplan of the Celtics and Irv Torgoff of Philadelphia, were unable to make it when their teams were booked for the semi-final pro game in Philadelphia. They wired up greetings to the crowd and a contribution of their night's pay.

Ace Goldstein, ex CCNY captain, and Leo Gottlieb, both of the Jewels, and Rip Gerson, one time St. Johns Wonder Team player, played well for the Stars. Filling in with a surprisingly fine exhibition was Vincent Capraro, who was a substitute on the CCNY team this year.

The Rens led at the half 28-22. Bell and Sidat-Singh were on the target with short shots and fast layups after the Rens' superior passwork had made openings, and Smith was too tough to stop underneath.

CrowdCheers Rap At Baseball's Discrimination

After a particularly brilliant display of ball handling and shooting by the Rennies, the announcer said, "Big League baseball could use some of this," and the crowd cheered.

Between halves the players of both teams were given little silver pins as tokens of appreciation by Fred Keller, commander of the Vets.

FURRIERS WIN

The big game was preceded by a wildly exciting double overtime game in which the Fur Merchants nipped the Drug Clerks, composed mostly of Whelan Strikers, 43-42 with a shot in the last three seconds of the second extra period. This thriller gave the crowd an idea of the kind of ball played by Trade Union Athletic Association teams.

All the players of all four teams expressed themselves as being very happy to be able to take part in the games for the valiant Spanish fighters for democracy. "This pin means more to me than all the games played this season," said one. Sidat-Singh, ex-Syracuse ace, spoke for the Renaissance in saying that they were happy to take part in a game for real democracy, and wished the campaign to end Jim Crow in baseball early success in establishing real democracy on the diamond.—RODNEY.

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Box Score

RENS

	G	F	P
Gates	1	6	8
Singh	5	1	11
Smith	5	4	14
Clayton	1	0	2
Bell	6	0	12
Isaacs	0	0	0
Totals	17	11	47

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ALL STARS

	G	F	P
Gerson	1	4	6
Gottlieb	3	1	7
King	5	6	16
Goldstein	2	0	4
Capraro	1	4	6
Duff	0	1	1
Total	12	16	40

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Jean Lane Sets New World Mark

APR 19 1941

18-Yr.-Old Wilberforce Sprint Star Runs 200 Meters in 25.1 As Stella Walsh Is Defeated

APR 19 1941

BY DAN BURLEY
Sports Editor

ATLANTIC CITY — Eighteen-year-old Betty Jean Lane of Wilberforce University is today the fastest woman runner in the world. Saturday night she startled the world of track by running the 200 meters sprint in the sensational time of 25.1 seconds.

Miss Lane finished at least five yards in front of the veteran Stella Walsh of the Polish-Olympic A. C. of Cleveland, as the versatile Tuskegee Institute women's team retained its national championship in the National A.A.U. indoor track and field championships for senior women and junior men here at the Municipal Auditorium.

Stella Walsh, the fabled Polish female, had come to the Boardwalk arena with one of the biggest buildups of her sensational career. The town had been plastered with posters dubbing her as the "world's greatest woman athlete," etc., etc., and the few persons who turned out for the meet, proceeds from which were to go to the British War Relief Society, came expecting to see her take the sprints, in which she holds world records.

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Stella Betters Own World Record

Miss Walsh didn't disappoint the fans, at least she didn't in the afternoon trials. She raced over the concrete oval in the Auditorium in 25.7 to better her own world record in the 200 meters during her trial heat. Jeannette Jones, of the Harrisburg A.A.A. of Pennsylvania, came in second, with Hester Brown of Tuskegee in third place. Jean Lane also bettered the previous standard for the 200 meters when she coasted home in 25.8 in her heat. Stella Walsh had set the indoor mark for women in the Brooklyn, N. Y. Armory in 1934 with an effort of 26. 1 seconds.

Miss Lane actually coasted home, at least 15 yards ahead of her nearest competitor, and everyone knew that the finals of the 200 meters that night would produce plenty fireworks when she contested Stella Walsh. The 50 meters run also went to Jean Lane in the exceptionally fast time of of 6.8 seconds.

Three world records fell in the meet, Michael Motto of St. John's University, New York, bettering the 16 pound shot put mark with 49 feet 1 inch, wiping out the 47 feet 2¾ inches set by Ed Swenson of Boston College in 1937. Henry Hart of Temple University captured the mile run in 4:23.1, a new world record, supplanting the 4:29.6 set 20 years ago in 1911 by G.P. Kimbel of the Boston A. A.

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East Sets Dash Mark

Representing Cheyney State College of Chester County, Pa., Tom East, junior sprint sensation of the 1941 indoor season, streaked to victory in the Mayor Thomas D. Taggart, Jr. Trophy 100 yard dash, in 10.1. The huge size of the Auditorium provided enough room for the event to be run as a straight away and East was equal to the occasion as he won the first A.A.U. 100 yard dash staged indoors in track history. The 10.1 seconds performance will go into the books as a world record.

Lillie Purifoy of Tuskegee Institute won the 50 meter low hurdles with Hilda Plepis of the Philadelphia Moose in second and Nancy Coperthwaite of the German-American A. C. finishing third. Time was 8.1 seconds. As Jean Lane won the 50 meters dash. Jeannette Jones of Harrisburg came in second; Lucy Newhall of Tuskegee, won third; Rowena Harrison of Tuskegee, fourth; Mary DeShayes, Philadelphia Moose, fifth; and Betty Charters, Moose, sixth.

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Coachman Wins Jump

Lucy Newhall won the standing broad jump with 8 feet 1 7-8 inches. Lillie Purifoy took second; Nancy Coperthwaite took third; Betty Charters, fourth; Rita Corrigan, Polish-Olympic A. C., fifth; and Mary Campbell of the York A. C. was sixth. Alice Coachman of Tuskegee won the high jump with 5 feet. Jean Marie Harvey of the Philadelphia Moose was second; Nancy Copperthwaite was third; Frances Gorn, Polish Olympic A. C., fourth; Leila Perry, Tuskegee, fifth; and Elizabeth Clancy, German-American A. C., sixth.

Elijah Gordon of Perth Amboy high school topped the 60 yard high hurdles in 8.2 to win that event in the junior men's bracket. Tom East took the 60 yard dash in 6.5 seconds. Arthur Hall of the Staten Island Harriers of New York placed fourth in the one mile walk, a special event on the program.

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Tuskegee's senior women's 400 meter relay team "A" captured that event in 50.3 seconds as the Tuskegee "B" team finshed third. The Philadelphia Moose entry was second; the Moose "B" team was fourth; and the Polish Olympic team finished a bad fifth, despite a heart-breaking anchor run by Stella Walsh. Hattie Hall of Tuskegee was second in the eight pound shot put, an event won by Dorothy Dodson of the Chicago Hurricanes. Winning distance was 35 feet five-eighths inches.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

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BLANKET FINISH IN PENN RELAY—Moffat Storer, of Duke University, pushes himself across the finish line to win the quarter mile relay championship at the Penn Relay Carnival, Philadelphia. Olvis Hicks, of North Texas State Teachers, is second and Carlos Belizaire, of Xavier, is third. The Duke team negotiated the distance in 42 seconds.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

KENNY WASHINGTON TO MANAGE $300,000 AMUSEMENT CENTER

APR 11 1941

By LAWRENCE F. LAMAR

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—(NPB).—A vast realty deal made here Friday, brought to light the pretentious plans of a group of Beverly Hills investment promoters to corner the market of Negro amusement facilities. The deal involved the realty transaction of a square block of property located in the heart of the Negro settlement on Central avenue.

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The deal was made through the realty firm of Walter L. Gordon and company, long prominent in that field with Jack Strauss and his associates. The latter, related they intended to erect a vast amusement center covering the block from East 40th place and Central avenue to 41st street. The building will be a continuous one, housing three separate businesses. On one end plans are set for a dance pavilion sufficient to accommodate 1,800 dancers.

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At the south end, a huge bowling center with 18 alleys will be installed. The center will provide a luxurous 100-foot cocktail lounge and bar. The designs for the building reveal it is to become one of the most pretentious buildings of its kind anywhere in the city. A definite improvement for this section of the city. Already it was learned, Kenny Washington, famed

All-American football star from UCLA has been named to manage this new "Paladium of Central Avenue."

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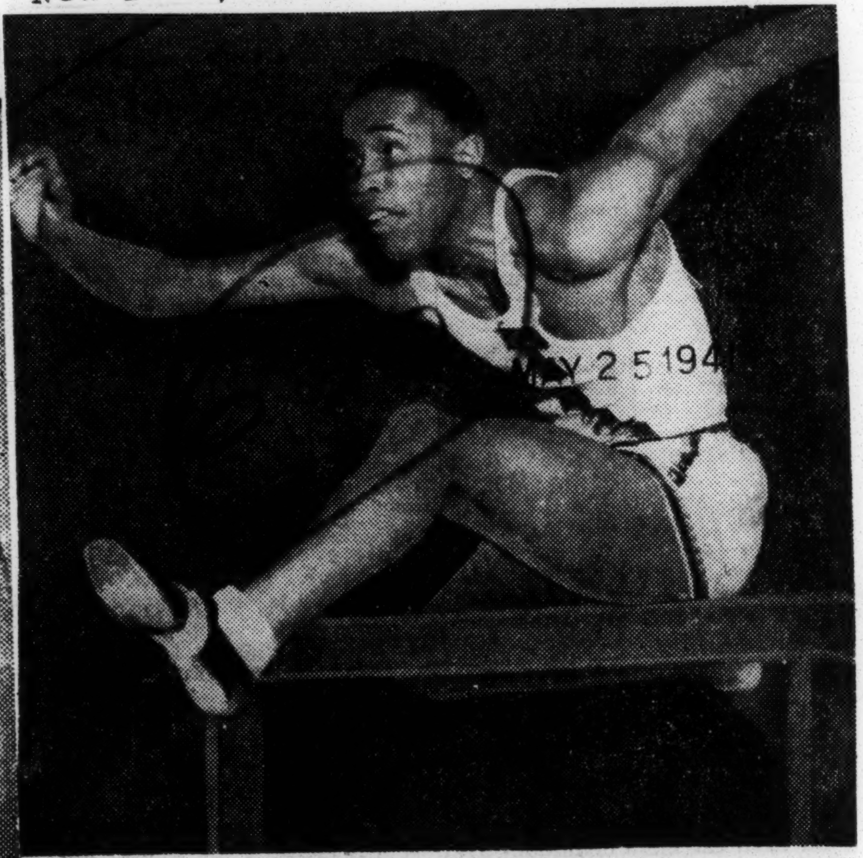
Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

NATIONAL BOWLING CHAMPIONS AGAIN

The Woodlawn Alcumes bowling team of Chicago which rolled 2,768 in the five-man national championships at Detroit to win first place and the 1941 title. The Woodlawn team was national champions in 1938 and 1939. Left to right, are John Hancock, Bob Robinson, Ernest Brundley, veteran B[illegible] Cheatham and Charles Parks. The Chicagoans brought home first place cash prize and the Joe Louis trophy.—Photo by Adams.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.



Ed Dugger of Tufts, the high and low hurdles.

Associated Press

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Paul Robeson Jr. Steals Track Show

By MAURICE DANCER

NEW YORK—A son of the great athlete and singer Paul Robeson made a grand sports debut Friday afternoon in the annual M.A.A.P.S. field day at Fieldson school in the Bronx.

Paul Robeson, Jr., only child of the former Rutgers four-letter man, stole the spotlight in winning individual honors in the junior division of the track and field championships.

The well-built, muscular, 13-year-old freshman at Fieldson, took two first places and ran anchor leg on the winning sprint relay team. His effort in the high jump—4 feet 11¾ inches—shattered the meet record by three-quarters of an inch. In the eight-pound shot put he topped the field with 38 feet, 11 inches.

With young Robeson starring brilliantly, Fieldson successfully defended its track laurels in both the senior and junior divisions. Fieldson rang up 30 points in Robeson's bracket and beat out second-place Barnard, which had 13.

Black Dispatch
Oklahoma City, Okla

Two Negro Ring Officials Serve

WASHINGTONX(ANP)— For the Joe Louis fight, a precedent was established by the district boxing commission when two colored officials were named to serve. A colored physician was assigned to the bout and a colored judge served at the ringside. Dr. Herbert Marshall was the official physician and Joe Trigg an official judge. The naming of these two officials was an important concession to the place Negroes have carved in this field of endeavor.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

INVADED CHICAGO FOR MATCH GAME

Slim Jones and his all-star women bowlers from Detroit who accepted Johnny Sewell's challenge to play his All Star Chicago women's team in a three-game match series on the St. Elizabeth alleys on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. Slim placed a good size bet down which Sewell promptly covered. Left to right are: Jerry Wells, scorekeeper; Elmina Gibson, Thelma Baldwin, Hazelle Thomas, Slim Jones, sponsor; Virginia Dolphin, Velma Smith, Gwen Sattlesberry, Alfred Bowman, manager. Kneeling is Hazel Lyman.—Photo by Langford P. James, Detroit.

Age-Herald

Birmingham, Ala.

Negro Star Wins Decathlon Crown With 5,892 Points

BRIDGETON, N. J., July 4—(AP)—Winning first places in five of the 10 events, John Borican, Negro star representing the Asbury Park (N. J.) A. C., captured the National A. A. U. decathlon championship with a total of 5,892 [illegible] Friday. Uyval C. Jones, former University of Michigan star, trailed Borican by 302 poi[illegible] the end of the two-day track and field competition.

Trailing the two leaders were Joshua Williamson, of Atlantic City, N. J., former Xavier University, New Orleans, athlete, with 5,236 points, Howard Jensen, of Philadelphia, former Temple University star, with 4,644 points, and Archie Harris, of Ocean City, N. J., Indiana's national collegiate discus champion, with 4,289. William Watson, one-time Michigan athlete, who won the title last year, did not compete.

Borican took the 110-meter high hurdles in 16.5 seconds and the 1,500-meter run in 4:17.2 before a slim home town crowd of approximately 200. A Bridgeton [illegible]e, he won the 100-meter dash [illegible] 11.3 seconds, theb [illegible]ump with a leap of 21 feet, 7 inches, and the 400-meter dash in 51 seconds Thursday.

Guardian

Boston, Mass.

"MIXED" SPORTS

Generally speaking, I am against "Colored" schools, "Colored" movies and "Colored" anything else just as strongly as I am against "white" baseball, "white" YMCA's and "white" interpretations of the U. S. Constitution.

But if for present necessities we've got to have Colored schools I am for having good Colored schools.

And for the past several years I have cooperated with the athletic departments of Colored colleges all over the nation—strange as it may seem—in order to encourage better Colored college achievement in sports and greater relations in "mixed" competition.

Columbia, S. C. State
June 29, 1941

Negro Tennis Champs Enter SC State Tilt

Orangeburg, June 28—(AP)—Eight defending national champions are among the ranking stars of the American Tennis association who are expected to compete in the fifth annual South Carolina open tournament to be held at South Carolina State A. & M. college July 9-11.

Heading the list is Jimmie McDaniel, Xavier university, who last year was defeated by Richard Cohen for the men's singles title, the only major tournament contest lost by McDaniel during the 1940 season. Cohen is expected to defend his South Carolina title against McDoniel and other ranking national stars.

Coach Cleve Abbott, Tuskegee, is sending Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, national doubles champions. Cohen and McDaniel, defending South Carolina open doubles champions, will also be on hand.

The Peters sisters, Roumania and Margaret, national women's doubles champions, another standout Abbott coached pair, will defend their title.

Mayme Stanley, defending South Carolina open women's singles champion, Helen Hutchinson, national girls' singles champion and South Carolina open girls' champion, Kathryn Jones, national finalist, are other Tuskegee luminaries that will be among the tennis greats here.

Joseph King, national junior singles champion and defending South Carolina open champion and Robert Ashford, South Carolina's own national junior doubles champion, will also be among those present.

Elise Conick and Eyre Saitch, New York City, South Carolina open mixed doubles champions; Dr. Elwood Downing, general field secretary, American Tennis association, Dr. John L. McGriff and John L. McGriff, Jr., famous father and son doubles team, Dr. Walter Johnson, Lynchburg, Va., and his mixed doubles finalist, Kathryn Jones, are some of the other top flight players expected.

Five well constructed and well conditioned clay courts will be the scene of action for a tournament that now ranks as a major event of the American Tennis association. Ranking players will be turning for the big jubilee anniversary of the American Tennis association to be held at Tuskegee August 18-24. The Orangeburg Tennis club, which sponsors for the fifth time the gala events, has made plans to accomodate a record breaking attendance.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

NEGRO WINS: STATE CHAMP IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES. — Oscar Rankins proved to be everything Claude and Mushy Greenston, his managers, have been saying about him Tuesday night at the Olympic when he pounded out a thrilling 10-round decision victory over Pat Valentino, white, to become the state lightweight champion.

Fighting his way up out of a [illegible], Rankins took Valentino's best pot-shots to win going away. There wasn't the slightest murmur of disapproval when referee Benny Whitman raised his soggy mitt.

A bruising battle all the way, Valentino's best round was the third when he sent Rankins sprawling to the canvas. The latter, however, was up without a count.

This corner awarded Valentino the first and third, called the fourth, which was the most thrilling round of the fight, even and gave the rest to Rankins.

Both boxers mixed long and short punches to the head and body but it was Rankins' devastating rights to the ribs and lefts to the head, delivered in rapid-fire succession which slowed his northern California opponent down to a walk as the bout progressed.

Chief Inspector Willie Ritchie of the State Athletic commission presented Rankins with the State lightheavyweight championship belt "after one of the greatest battles I have ever seen."

Floored for a 9 count in the second round of the semi-windup Willie Collins lost to Mexican Lalo Rodriguez. Al Grayson decisioned Glen Strong, white, in one of the four-round prelims.

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Champ's Winnings—2,000 Marbles

George Harvey, 5329 Calumet avenue, is the new park district marble champion. He won the city-wide competition in which 12,000 boys participated. He has bagged 2,000 marbles this year in neighborhood games.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Archie Harris Sets Record With Discus

By the Associated Press

Minneapolis, May 16.—A 210-pound Negro youth from Indiana—Big Archie Harris—did a single-handed and near world-beating job of handling the "new records" business in the Western Conference outdoor track and field championship's preliminary program today.

As Michigan's remarkably balanced Wolverines readied their bid for a fifth straight team championship by gaining 19 qualifying places for tomorrow's finals, Harris tossed the discus 174 feet 1 inch for new American nad Big Ten marks.

The Indiana star, who works summers as a life guard in his home town of Ocean City, N. J., got off his remarkable toss in comparative privacy. The performance, which came only an inch and one-half short of the world mark set by Willi Schroeder, of Germany, in 1935, was made on a practice football field minutes after spectators had departed from nearby Minnesota Memorial Stadium at the close of the track qualifying tests.

Held Earlier Mark

Harris was the holder of the former Big Ten discus mark on his toss of 166 feet 5¾ inches made last year. His best previous performance was 171 feet 6¾ inches, made this season in the Kansas relays. Today, on his other trials he did 173 ¼ and 172 feet 1 inch.

Michigan, dimming the chance of an upset in tomorrow's team title fight, sent men into the finals with lmost monotonous regularity. The Wolverines, out to assuage their upset by Indiana inthe indoor meet last March, qualified two men in each of three events, gained four places inthe finals of the half mile run and qualified three athletes in the 440 yard dash and three more in the javelin throw. In only one preliminary test, the discus, did Michigan fail to place.

Behind Michigan in the qualifying battle came Ohio State with 12; Wisconsin 10; Indiana 8; Illinois 7; Michigan and Northwestern 6 each; Iowa and Purdue 3 each, and Chicago, 1 place.

Indiana Rated

Indiana, however, still rated an outside chance for first team honors —with the Hoosiers hopes resting largely on Harris in the discus and shot put, Roy Cochran in the quarter and 220-yard low hurdles and Campbell Wane. Wayne Tolliver and Paul Kendall in the half mile run. These stars accounted for all three heats in this event.

Harris' discus performance accounted for the lone record of the afternoon, but good performances included a 9.9 seconds job in the 100-yard dash by Northwestern's defending champion, Myron Piker; a 14.6 performance by Ohio State's Bob Wright in the 120-yard high hurdles and Kendall's 1:54 in the half mile.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Twilight Softball Managers In Deadline Meeting Monday Night

Managers of clubs in the Works Progress Administration and City Parks Softball League hold a deadline meeting at the Butler Street YMCA tomorrow evening, starting at eight o'clock.

At tomorrow night's session, players' contract cards as well as the league fee of $10 must be laid on the wood by the respective pilots.

Shortly after the above details are cleared up, a formal decision as to the number of clubs in the loop will be possible, based upon full fees received, and then the schedule for the first half will be worked out.

At the last meeting, it appeared that 11 clubs would be in the 1941 league. But funds received tonight will be the final basis for knowing the exact number. It is fairly certain Hanley Hornets, Ivey Brothers, Sellers Brothers, Haugabrooks Cavaliers, Georgia Power, West Side Globe Trotters, University Homes, Post Office, and Hugh's Harlem Inn will be entered. It is also possible the University Homes Eagles and Ashby Street All-Stars will be listed. It is reported they have applications pending.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

New Record Near World Standard

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Archie Harris, New Jerseyite who attends college at Indiana University, proved he is the greatest discus thrower ever developed in America when he hurled the iron platter 174 feet 1 inch for a new American record Friday in the qualifying trials of the forty-first annual Big 10 meet won by Indiana.

The new discus mark set by the 6 feet 3 inch, 215-pound senior is only one and a half inches short of the world mark set six years ago by Willi Schroeder of Germany. It eclipses the former American record of 173 feet made by Carpenter of Southern California in 1936 and removes the Big 10 record of 166 feet 5¾ inches set up last year by Harris.

Jenkins Second

The Hoosier weight star also won the shot put in the finals Saturday with a toss of 50 feet even.

Marcellus Jenkins of Indiana was second in the 440 won by a white teammate, Roy Cochran, in 48.6 seconds. Ralph Hammonds of Ohio State was second in both the 100 and 220 behind Myron Piker, white, of Northwestern, whose winning times were 9.8 and 22.

Harris was a prep school star in Ocean City, N.J., and will graduate in June. His major is physical education and he is shopping for a job. His victorious efforts earned him a chance to compete in the National Collegiate, Central Intercollegiate and National AAU meets.

Lewis Second

Wes Allen tied for fifth in the high jump. He is a Cleveland youth, now at Michigan University. William (Bill) Lewis, of Illinois, made a supreme effort in the broad jump, but could get no better than second.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

SPORTS SLANTS

By 'Melancholy' JONES

Interracial Amity In Deep South At New Peak; Keeler, Jones Stir Awakenings; Coach Alexander Nods To Negro Football

FOR SOME TIME, now, the column has been impressively aware of improved racial harmony in the deep south.

The sepia Peach Blossom, Orange Blossom, and the Steel Bowl classics have rated importance in even the best metropolitan dailies of this section. Pathe News featured a newsreel of the football skirmish between Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College and Wilberforce University last December at the orange fiesta. The column was on the scene as head linesman.

Since that time, Associated Press and United Press have made regular demands for "coverage" on headline sepia sports events. The eighth annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball tournament at Tuskegee Institute made the Nordic sports pages as a class. Ditto, the first annual National Intercollegiate Invitational Basketball Tournament in Cincinnati.

"AP" carried a weekly resume on the national Negro football picture that appeared in 1,500 metropolitan dailies from New York to New Orleans.

The Tuskegee Relays were "must" copy for "UP" and "AP", while the same held true for the past Saturday's Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships on the Atlanta University Oval.

All these developments have been an indication of improved interest, understanding, and goodwill between the races.

Ralph T. Jones, editorial columnist of a leading Atlanta morning daily, had a lot to do with the loftly evaluation now placed on sepia football. Twice a spectator at games between Morris Brown and Florida A. and M., the liberal gentleman saw a brand of blocking, tackling, kicking, passing, and running he had to admit was comparable to any witnessed anywhere.

O. B. Keeler, veteran sports scribe of an outstanding Atlanta afternoon daily, helped attitudes toward Negro track and golf. He admitted skepticism of timing in sepia relay meets and thought that all of it was spurious until Mozel Ellerbe, the Hastings, Florida, howitzer, who was clocked in 9.5 at the Tuskegee Relays, clicked off the 100 yard dash in similar time in the classic Penn Relays and NCAA meet.

Mr. Keeler had the curiosity to journey to New Lincoln Country Club out Simpson Road in Atlanta to get an appraisal of sepia golf. Evidently, what he saw impressed him. Upon return to his familiar sports desk, he hacked a column in which he dealt in exclusively superlatives as he told of the genius of Howard Wheeler, John Brooks Dendy, Hugh Smith, Zeke Hartsfield, and other crack pros entered in that edition of the now historic Southern Open.

Mr. Keeler's knowing eyes caused him to write a piece that was prophetic in nature, as well as inspiring. It is significant that, since that time, Dendy has won three national and two southern crowns; Wheeler, two national and two dixie titles; Hartsfield, a southern diadem and many "money" showings in the Nationals, and Smith, one national and a trio of southern titles.

The phenomenal turnout of colored fans at games played by the white Atlanta Crackers is a revelation within itself of what motivated educational processes have done toward removing that lack of information and prejudice which has made racial understanding and goodwill in the deep south such a critical barrier to hurdle.

For some time, now, as stated, the column has been impressively aware of improved racial harmony in the deep south. There are plenty of fair-minded white southerners who are always interested in the welfare of the sepia minority. How else could you explain the following letter to this column the past week end:

"THE ATLANTA JOURNAL

Atlanta, Georgia.
May 15, 1941.

"Lucius Jones,
Sports Editor,
Atlanta World,
Atlanta, Georgia.
Dear Lucius:

Coach W. A. Alexander, of Georgia Tech, has been asked to prepare a review of Football in the South for the forthcoming Football Guide.

It occurred to him that something ought to be included therein about the Southern Negro college.

He has asked me to write you to send him about 200 words reviewing 1940 colored football in the south, also, if possible, a picture of the best team in this section.

Trusting that you will be able to prepare and forward this to Coach Alexander at your earliest convenience, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ED MILES.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

NEGRO FRIEND RECALLS DAYS WITH GEHRIG

WASHINGTON. — (ANP) — When Henry Louis Gehrig, noted first baseman of one of the greatest teams of all times, died last week, Henry C. Parker, Jr., executive secretary of the colored branch YMCA in Pittsburgh, lost one of his best friends.

When Lou was in Commerce high school another native born New Yorker was also on the team. And while Lou was of German extraction, this other New Yorker was a colored lad.

Parker was a pitcher on the team which swept through the entire Public School Athletic league season with a most remarkable record, and not only was Parker a pitcher, he was THE pitcher, for somewhere along the line that season, he hurled a no hit shut out against one of his opponents, a feat all the more remarkable because it was a high school team.

During the ensuing years, when Gehrig went to Columbia where he starred on the football team as a guard, (Lou weighed 212 pounds) and smacked the ball all over the lot as Columbia's first baseman, the two Henrys kept in touch with each other, and at no time did Gehrig, then on his way to the heights in baseball, ever forget his former teammate, Henry Parker. The latter has constantly said he considered Gehrig one of his best friends and their relationships throughout the years proved this to be true.

Ask Henry Parker, Jr., of the Pittsburgh Y what type of man Gehrig was and you'll find that what everybody else is saying is no exxageration of that thing called the truth. Even now, Parker will tell you interesting stories of the big ruddy faced German boy, whose clean life was an exemplification of all that sports is supposed to teach.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

It Pays to Do One Thing Well

The saying that the builder of a better mouse trap will find the people beating a path to his door was brought out sharply a few days ago when a prominent magazine illustrated its cover with the picture of a great horse and his Negro groom. Not so long ago the writer saw this great horse and heard that Negro tell what "we" have done. His pride in the horse was in his every word and expression. The thousands of visitors who turn off the main road to visit this paddock down in the Blue Grass country might as well have been coming to see him, so pleased was he with the popularity of his charge.

Such single-mindedness wins! So many in this world are neither hot nor cold, that it makes much over the few who put their hearts into what they do. Looking back at the posts of confidence and responsibility that were trusted to men and women of the race, and trying to discover why this generation's better education has not won it greater opportunity, it is our considered judgment that the lack of the fathers' do-or-die-trying spirit is the weakness that makes it lose out.

For any purpose, a man who does his best, however little that may be, will be preferred to the better prepared who chose to put only part of their talents to work. Good enough is industrial suicide. Watching the clock, or any other activity that rivals the job pays no dividends. Only it, 100 per cent pure, compels respect. This Negro groom, standing by the fence down in Old Kaintuck telling the greatness of his beloved Man o'War, is a success figure, heralded to the four corners of the globe. Can those who know you say you too have done your best?

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

N.B.A. Lists Several Negroes As Logical Title Contenders

Chalky Wright Eliminates One Contender Via the Kayo Route

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.— (ANP)— The National Boxing association released its annual ranking of fighters Wednesday in competition with the New York association's ratings, some of whom were not rated very high by the NBA. Many colored fighters are included in the list, most of them being logical contenders for the various titles, outstanding boxers, or receiving honorable mention.

Booker Beckwith of Illinois and Jimmy Bivens, Ohio, were held to be the leading contenders for the light heavyweight championship, with Boyy Montgomery, Pennsylvania, listed as a possible contender in the lightweight division and Chalky Wright, California, in the featherweight division. Lou Nova, white, who faces Joe Louis Sept. 29 at the Polo grounds, is listed as the No. 1 heavyweight contender, with Billy Conn, also white, in second place. No colored fighters are listed in the bantamweight and flyweight divisions.

Negro fighters listed in the rankings are:

Heavyweight

Champion: Joe Louis, Detroit. Outstanding boxers: Lem Franklin, Illinois. Honorable mention: Alberto Dovell, Argentina; Buddy Walker, Ohio; Roscoe Toles, Michigan; and Harry Bobo, Pennsylvania.

Lightheavyweight

Logical contender: Booker Beckwith, Illinois; Jimmy Bivens, Ohio. Outstanding: Nose Brown, Pennsylvania; Honorable mention: Oscar Rankin, California.

Middleweight

Honorable Mention: George Burneette, Michigan; Ezzard Charles, Ohio.

Welterweight

Logical contender: Holman Williams, Michigan. Outstanding contender: Louis Kid Cocoa, Connecticut. Honorable mention: Richard Polite, California.

Lightweight

Logical contender: Bobby Montgomery, Pennsylvania; California Jack Wilson, California; Ray Robinson, New York. Honorable mention: Willie Joyce, Illinois.

Featherweight

Logical contender: Chalky Wright, California. Outstanding: Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, Pennsylvania. Honorable mention: George Pace, Ohio.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Arrange For Bowl Game in Birmingham New Years Day; Will Be Negro Promoted

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(ANP) In a special session here last Saturday the executive committee of the SIAC voted approval of an idea presented by C. W. Askew of Birmingham calling for a "blow game" at Rickwood field, famed baseball park, in Birmingham New Year's day.

A "Steel Blow" successfully promoted last year by a white group, is set again for Jan. 1, 1942 at Legion field, Birmingham.

Mr. Askew in presenting his plan to the executive committee submitted evidence showing that the Birmingham Colored Y. M. C. A. orginated the "Steel Bowl" and played such a game with high school tetams in 1939 and 1940 at Legion field. He said he was unable at the time to interest any of the college teams in the idea. But, he continued, last year a white group seized his idea and promoted the nationally famous Steel Bowl classic. The white group has registered ni Bowl" and "Iron Bowl" which re-
Bowl" and "Iron Boyl" which restricts the use of those titles in Alabama by any one else.

The executive committee of the SIAC assured Mr. Askew that no SIAC team will play a bowl game in Birmingham for any hite promoters. They said that they have a working agreement with other Negro conference in which the willl not play games in SIAC territory risapproved by the SOAC.

A sub-committee of the executive committee composed of B. T. Harvey, of Morehouse college, Atlanta; H. Councill Trenholm, president of State Teachers college, Montgomery; Coach Clevel L Abbott of Tuskegee institute; W. H. Kimble of Talladega college and J. B. Braggs of Florida A. and M. will meet at the Central Y. M. C. A. in Birmingham, Sept. 21, to iron out details of the proposed game. Their work, which will be done in conjuction with a similar committee appointed by the Birmingham group, must be approved by SIAC colleges before the game is put on.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Negro Baseball Draws Crowds

Negro baseball has grown up. With crowds of 30,000 to 50,000 attending games in some of the larger cities, the prowess of Negro players and the astuteness of their managers are established. This recognition makes Kansas City very happy, because its Kansas City Monarchs have been one of the teams which by being outstanding year in and year out, has contributed to this high reputation.

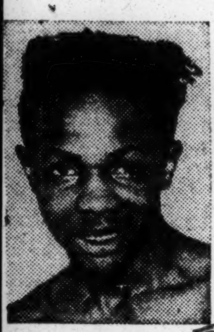
Praise for the Monarchs would be the play "Hamlet" with no Hamlet in it unless there is additional commendation given the Monarch owner, J. L. Wilkinson. Baseball with him has been a business as well as his hobby. He has given it his brain and his heart. Starting a quarter of a century ago with the All Nations team, he gradually worked Negroes into baseball until today they are drawing major league crowds.

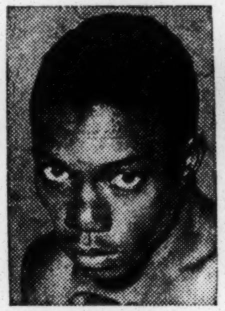
It is a far cry from the days when Negroes in baseball were a sand-lot, Sunday-afternoon diversion. Sooner or later some major league teams, possibly New York, will see the golden stream that a Negro on the team would bring into the box office. To the Wilkinson of today and the Rube Fosters of yesterday the credit for that accomplishment will be due.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago's Best Meets Hawaii's Ditto

These are the Chicago and Hawaiian CYO boxers who will meet in Soldiers' field tonight.





Harold Dade [Chicago] vs. **Paul Isamine** [Hawaii]. **Fred Dawson** [Chicago] vs. **Richard Chinen.** [Hawaii]. **Tony Bausone** [Chicago] vs. **Henry Oshiro.** [Hawaii].

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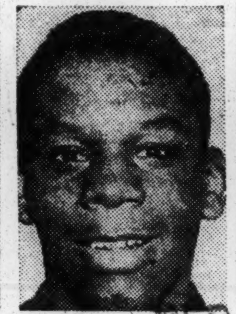

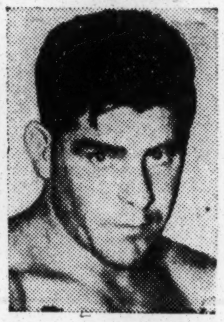

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Hubert Hood [Chicago] vs. **Pane Meatoga.** [Hawaii].

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

SIAC-Sponsored Tilt At Rickwood Park To Be Rival Promotion

The annual meeting of the Southern Coaches and Officials association, C. Johnson Dunn of Alabama State College of Montgomery, Alabama, president, convened on Saturday, Sept. 6. The officers were reelected for the coming year with the addition of a new office, that of chaplain, being created. J. B. Bragg, Florida A. and M. college of Tallahassee, Fla., was named chaplain.

The Southern conference's executive committee voted to support the proposed football game on New Year's day at Rickwood field, Birmingham, instead of the proposed second annual Steel Bowl game at Legion field in the same city on the same day.

The game at Legion field last year was between Wilberforce University of Ohio and Morris Brown, Southern conference champions. The game was promoted by a group of white. The year's game at Legion Field was to have been promoted by the same group. The conference objected to going along with this group because the conference does not approve of any promoters, white or colored, capitalizing on Negro college football.

The game at Rickwood field will be for the benefit of the Birmingham Negro YMCA., which is opening at $300,000 building drive. The champions of the Southern conference will play a team from another conference, champions, if possible. Any team member of the conference accepting a bid from the Legion field promoters will find their school suspended from the Southern conference in all sports which will mean that school becomes automatically prohibited from participating with teams from other conference.

A committee will meet with the colored and white YMCA. officials in Birmingham this week to work out details for the game at Rickwood Park. Members of that committee are Cleve Abbott, director of athletics at Tuskegee Institute; B. T. Harvey, secretary of the Southern conference and chemistry teachers at Morehouse as well as a veteran football official; J. B. Bragg, head of the athletic council at Florida A. and M. College; C. Johnson Dunn, director of athletics at Alabama State College and president of the Southern conference and William H. Kindle, director of athletics at Talladega College, Alabama, and treasurer of the Southern conference.

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Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

MANY COLORED FIGHTERS NAME BY COMMITTEE

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On The Score Board

Answering a Couple Of Questions

By Lester Rodney

JAN 16 1941

Answering a few of the questions from out of the recent mailbags.

QUESTION: "Why, if the big leagues discriminate against Negroes, do you continue to give them such publicity as in your current series of articles sizing up the chances of the various teams?"

ANSWER: We cover the big league teams and at the same time lead the fight to end the discrimination of the magnates against Negro players. Baseball is a great mass sport, loved and followed by millions, and except for a tiny minority, the players themselves are working class Americans who would welcome the Negro players in. No sports are perfect under capitalism, where the profit motive is incompatible with real sportsmanship. But is the way to fight for a better sports world to withdraw ourselves from it until it is perfect? Of course not.

Just consider for a moment the fact that if there had never been a Daily Worker sports page, covering sports and commanding the attention of the sports world, there would never have been the present nationwide knowledge of the fact that many qualified Negro athletes are kept out of the game by the magnates; nor the knowledge that the players and managers themselves have played against the Negro stars in exhibitions and would welcome them in. And there would certainly not be the tremendous mass campaign to end Jim Crow in sports that now exists. All that would hardly have been possible by boycotting baseball from the start and washing our hands of it.

We love baseball and that's why we aim to see the day when it is truly our National Pastime.

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QUESTION: "In the four years since the Daily Worker sports page has been in existence, who in your opinion are the greatest athletes you've seen in baseball, boxing, football, basketball, track and tennis?"

ANSWER: The two greatest baseball figures of the recent period mentioned are easily Joe DiMaggio and Bob Feller. They are a pair of naturals, the kind you've immediately got to make room for in any All-Time great list. Satchell Paige might have been up there if he'd had the chance.

Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong are just outstanding in boxing and here too you've got to make room for them on your all-time greatest list.

I'd say Cliff Battles and Ace Parker in football, restricting myself to backs, and would of course get a lot of arguments. Much less argument on Mel Hein as the greatest linesman.

Hank Luisetti of the Stanford team that swept through the nation three years ago is still my idea of the best I've seen on the basketball court. If I had to pick a second one offhand I'd take Irv Torgoff of L. I. U. as an all around ball player. And, of course, plenty of arguments there, too.

No argument on Master Don Budge and Madame Alice Marble in tennis. The only argument is whether Bill Tilden and Helen Wills in their prime could have beaten them, and all I can say to that is they would have been a hell of a pair of matches.

Jesse Owens and Glenn Cunningham in track. The Negro star who swept the Olympics almost singlehanded in 1936 (he's scraping for a living now), and the greatest miler of all times (the great Nurmi at his best would have eaten the Kansas school teacher's dust) also rate up with the all-time greats.

Who ever heard of the Glorious Twenties? DiMaggio, Feller, Louis, Armstrong, Budge, Marble, Owens, Cunningham—I'd stack them up against anyone's nostalgic selections. (Babe Ruth excepted, but nobody else.)

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Rodney's Roundup

The first big hockey fight of the season took place the other night as the Rangers and Blackhawks wrestled around the ice and took pot shots at each other to the clicking of cameras. . . . Attendance has been low . . .

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Steve Bellbise took out a lot of that Overlin frustration on poor Irwin Kaplan at the Coliseum Tuesday night. The unsuccessful middleweight contender just broke through Kaplan's guard, cornered him at the end of the first round and knocked him out cold. Now if he could only lure Overlin up to the Coliseum for a third try maybe he could do business . . . and then again maybe he'd find the target just as elusive. . . . Stevey didn't throw enough at Ken at the Garden . . . he was stiff, waiting for a perfect shot . . . which, of course, the cagey champ never gave him.

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Paul Robeson's son, who was brought up in the Soviet Union, is now a freshman at the University of Washington and is expected to be a very good football player. . . . He also excels in swimming, tennis, ping-pong and track, besides his studies. Paul, for those who may just think of him as a great singer, was one of the football greats, an All-American end at Rutgers. And a bit of Phi Betta Kappa.

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There's a lot of interest in tomorrow night's Lou Nova-Pat Comiskey scrap at the Garden. Both boys had their "outstanding contender" hopes set back brutally by a couple of old-timers, Galento K.O.ing Nova and Baer knocking out Comiskey. Pat seems to be the much better prospect now. He's only 20 and Nova is already 25. Pat has more dynamite in both his right and left. And much more appetite for the game than Lou, who didn't relish the Galento mauling and is thinking in terms of getting enough dough out of the ring to quit. He thinks he has too much for the more inexperienced Comiskey, however, and insists he has a chance with Louis. But doesn't sound too convincing.

"Chalky Wright, 127 pounds, knocked out Mel Williams, 139." Wright has to give away all that poundage and more every time he fights. How about giving him a featherweight title shot he's long earned, Mike Jacobs?

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Figure skating a la Heine is among the many sports in the Soviet Union you'll catch a glimpse of in the magnificent short at the Miami Theatre.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

FEB 22 1941

'Pappy' Ricks, Former Star Of Rens. Is Dead

NEW YORK—James "Pappy" Ricks, one of the best known basketball players in the last and for several years a member of the famous New York Renaissance basketball team, died in King's county hospital where he had been confined for some time. He was a clever ball handler, a deadly shot and above all a gentleman. Not only was he a member of the Rens quintet, but he had the honor of being a members of the greatest squad to represent the famous New York aggregation. The players at that time were Fats Jenkins, Georgie Fial, Pappy Ricks, Hal Mayer, Eyre "Bruiser" Saitch, now with the club; Hilton Slocum and "Big" Smith.

RICKS

Ricks was born in Orange, N. J., where he was a three-letter man in basketball, baseball and track. He blossomed into print in 1914 as a member of the Douglas A.C.

He joined the famous Pittsburgh Loendi club after several seasons and joined the New York Renaissance team in 1924.

Bob Douglas, owner of the Rens who are now on tour and due to play in Chicago on February 22, said "Ricks was a man, an athlete and a credit to basketball. He was, without doubt, the greatest shot ever developed in the game. His retirement in 1936 from the team is something I wished hadn't happened. He lived the way he played, hard but clean and gentlemanly."

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Coach of University of North Carolina Willing to Play NYU with Jim Coward

But School Persists In Upholding Jim Crow Policy on Star

The case of Jim Coward, star basketball player at New York University, who was barred from the team allegedly because of two games scheduled with southern clubs this season, moved forward this week to the point where Coach Lang of NorthCarolina University, one of the southern teams on the schedule, admitted in an interview that: "I would want to play against him (Coward), against NYU at its full strength. We have no objections as far as I know. But I cannot make a statement for the school. The team will not have any objections. You may quote me as saying that I have no objections."

In Sympathy

Coach Lang went ahead to say: "I am in sympathy with the thing. We play according to the policies and traditions of the school which we are playing. The traditions are very strong in the south, though it is diminishing. There is no issue as far as we are concerned. It would have to be settled by the school. I have no authority."

Since Jan. 2, the Council for Student Equality, which is carrying on a spirited campaign to force the school to change its athletic policy toward Negro players, has tried to unsuccessfully to get the school's permission to get the customary table in the cafeteria for the purpose of getting petitions signed to place Coward on the team. After being refused, a request to have the table was signed by 110 students in less than a half hour.

Visit Dean

With a further runaround, a committee of 20 students visited Dean McConn in Washington Square College, Jan. 7, where the Dean allegedly quibbled about the truth of the students' claim to the statement made by Prof Tanner on Dec. 20 to the effect that "I had supposed it was the color issue that is keeping Coward off the team. We get objections from the other sides when lists are handed in. They have a perfect right to make stipulations, and we have a right to accept or not to accept such stipulations. I don't think there are any questions of technical ineligibility concerned with it. My feelings and sympathy are with you, but there has to be a compromise . . . It is our privilege to take colored players off the team."

In an interview with Prof Badger early in December, the head of the board of athletic control was quoted as saying; that Coward was disqualified by the scholarship committee (Prof. Tanner) and "If a white girl doesn't want to sit next to a colored boy or girl at a table it

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The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Negro Boys Come to Fore On Labor Basketball Teams

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Labor basketball reported "no games" for this past week-end, with all teams resting for the final stages of the hottest TUAA hoop tourney in years, thus providing an opportunity to analyze one striking feature of the play for this season.

Negro athletes, always in the forefront of the many sports sponsored by the Trade Union A.A. have come forward this year as never before, with the great preponderance of teams in the two TUAA leagues boasting Negro stars, in many cases the outstanding players of the team and league.

"Player of the year" in the TUAA basketball race in the sensational Furriers' Joint Council star, Eddie Stewart, 6 foot 4 Negro center, who has averaged over 12 points a game, and leads the league in points scored with 50.

Set down February 1, when the Furriers Joint Council meets the Drug Clerks, pitting Stewart against Duff in the best individual pairing the league has ever shown. Two smart, big boys who are death under the basket, and fine floormen.

A new threat for League B honors, the IWO, has as the hub of the team a batch of Negro players, just recently beginning to click, and already a favorite to take over the Drug Clerk mantle as league champs. The Fur Floor Boys, Wholesale and Warehouse, and many others are bulwarked by Negro players, additional evidence that in the progressive trade union sports movement there exists no discrimination, and a pointed lesson to the Jim Crow big-wigs of NYU, to name but one Jim Crow citadel.

Stewart, fur-shop worker and pride and joy of the large Furrier rooting section that never fails to take in the games at Seward Park High, is the scoring spark of the club, working off the backboards in professional fashion, and setting up plays for the team from the pivot slot.

Another great Negro center, who has paced his team to a first round championship, is the Retail Drug Clerks' Jim Duff, 6 foot 3, and with enough spring in his legs to bat balls out of the basket when he can.

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Duff, freshman sensation of League B, is up among the high scorers in that league, and is expected to go great guns in League A, to which the Drug Clerks have been promoted after their sweep in the "B" league.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

Tarrant Sets New Record At Prairie View

APR 27 1941

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex.—(ANP)—At least one record went glimmering Saturday at the Prairie View 11th Annual relays and 21st annual interscholastic league track meet. Tarrant, fleet Alabama dash man, burned the cinder path to set a new mark for the century. His time was 9.5. Trailing closely were Nelson of Wiley and Douglas of Xavier.

Thousands of people from all overe the estate came to witness the events. Races were run in brilliant sunshine with but little breeze blowing and coaches looked for lots of records to go by the wayside.

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Ada Louis Evans, daughter of Dr. Evans of the faculty of P.V., was "Queen" for the occasion and each winning contestant received his trophy from her hands.

Tuskegee breezed to a finish in the two-mile relay in the good time of 8:36.5. Bishop and Xavier trailed the winner home. Allen of Wiley, Towne of Southern, and Paxton of Xavier finished in that order in the 220 hurdles. Winning time was 29.9. In the 440 relay, Xavier led the field to break the tape in 41.7. Alabama State, Wiley and Tuskegee trailed.

Xavier's star half-miler, Culp, won handily in 2:00.2. Lawton, star of Lincoln U., creeped in to the finish line in the mile run in the slow time of 4:50.5. Tarrant of Alabama copped the 220 dash in 21 flat.

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Tuskegee upset the experts by breaking through a field of favorites to win the mile relay. Six teams battled this one to the finish line, bringing the stands to their feet as winner's time was announced as 3:29.

Among coaches to bring teams were F. T. Long of Wiley, Ray Kemp of Lincoln university, Ralph Metcalfe, C. F. Gayles of Texas college.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

HOWARD TRACK TEAM VICTORI

MAY 3 1941

WASHINGTON, May 1—The Bison track team of Howard university emerged victorious over Storer college, of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., in a dual track meet held in the university stadium Wednesday afternoon.

The bison team was led to victory by Craig Wesley, high point man, who won the discus and javelin throws and placed in the shotput. Storer college's Theodore Munro sprinted down the cinderpath to victory in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes and Eugene Bacon, of Howard, defeated Scott and Johnson, both of Howard, in the quarter mile event.

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The Bisons' Erkdy Freeman won the broadjump with a leap of 20 feet, 4 inches, and placed in the 220 yard dash, while M. Wilson, of Storer, captured the high-jump with a leap of 5 feet 6 inches.

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Tiger Owner Briggs Watched as 35,000 DetroitFans Cheered Paige, Other Banned Negro Aces

By William Allan

DETROIT, Sept. 14.—He came, he pitched, he conquered, both the Chicago Negro Giants and the vast throng of 34,784 fans who made the ball park ring at Briggs Stadium with cheer after cheer, for the greatest pitcher they had seen in Detroit in many a day, who else could it be but the immortal Satchel Paige whose feats of baseball pitching are legendary.

The great Negro pitcher pitched the first game of a double header between his team the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Negro Giants to one of the greatest crowds the Tigers' ball yard has seen since the World Series game here two years ago.

Effortless, superb, strike after strike, rolled across the plate as batter after batter watched them go by with bat still on shoulder as the signboard flashed out three strikes on the batter.

At the beginning of the seventh inning only one man had gotten to second base with never a man seeing the keystone sack till after the seventh inning. By that time Satchel's great pitching and the excellent support from his teammates had rolled up an 11-run lead. Then one or two hits slipped through. But any time that a rally threatened for the Chicago team, that great whip-like arm went into action and the rally vanished like one of the puffs of dust on the diamond.

The Kansas City Monarchs whom Paige was pitching for, won both ends of a double-header, the first game pitched by Satchel they won 11 to 4, the second by 6 to 2.

Paige went the whole way in the first game, gave six hits and did not allow a run till the seventh. He fanned four, walked one.

Tiger owner Walter Briggs, sitting in one of the field boxes must have known, just as he probably has known for a long time, how the Detroit baseball fans feel about Negro players and the keen desire of Detroiters to see such remarkable pitching in the staggering Detroit Tigers. White workers side by side with their Negro brothers from the assembly lines and factories of Detroit, gave ovation after ovation to the great Satchel as he walked off the mound inning after inning with batters "feeling only the wind of the fireball" as one worker sitting beside us remarked.

Outstanding support was given Satchel, particularly by two of his teammates. First baseman O'Neil, whose fishing of them out of the air was breath-taking and his close plays at the first sack, brought the house down. Sluggers there were aplenty, outstanding was outfielde Ted Strong. Strong had a triple and two doubles and displayed a throwing arm, the equal of which has not been seen at Briggs Stadium this year. His pegs to home plate and the bases evoked thunderous applause.

"Look at that catcher" came time and again from the seats around us. The catcher was Basset from the Chicago Negro Giants, a craftsman if ever we saw one.

In the second game, the Kansas City Monarchs put on a display of pitching, sending in for two or three innings, several young Negro fireball pitchers that had the Detroit fans whistling and gaping at the blinding speed. Detroit sure could, with their limping Louie (Buck) Newsom and others tiring, plus raw rookies, use some of that splendid baseball material that the town's fans saw when the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Negro Giants came to town.

The splendid campaign of the trade union movement amongst the auto workers, that has resulted in hundreds of UAW-CIO baseball teams, seeing Negro and white players this year, in there jointly participating, must be carried over to the big leagues, and such material as Detroit fans saw on September 14th, with the Monarchs and Chicago Giants, brought into big league baseball. Not being a reporter for baseball and sports activity (we leave that to the very capable Lester Rodney of our staff) in this piece we have done our best to "tell the story as we saw it."

But no coverage of the double-header between the two Negro teams, with Satchel Paige pitching and the other Negro stars giving Detroit fans the treat that they did, would be complete unless we said something about the "coverage" of the local sewer sheets, the Free Press, the Hearst Press and the "liberal" Detroit News.

Like "sages" they condescended to "cover" the games. Sickening and nauseating, is their saccharine discriminating "writeups." Forced to write the games up, because of 34,784 fans that left the ball park wondering why Negro players are not in the big leagues, the "sages" of the press box, proceed with their hatchets to depict Satchel Paige as one who "snoozed" along, during the game. Last week the Detroit News ran a picture of Paige with the obvious filthy lie, stating that when the picture was taken the photographer asked Paige to smile and Paige is reported to have said, "Ah can't smile, 'cause I just woked up."

To watch Paige pitch, to know the splendid athletes of the Negro people, is to take such a picture and rip it to shreds as a piece of vicious anti-Negro propaganda, emanating from "minds" like Ku Klux Klanners. To find that such a pitcher, such an athlete is barred from big league baseball, because he is a Negro, makes one's blood boil and take the oath here and now that the campaign for Negro ball players to play in the big leagues is something you have neglected and must organize. Oh, there is much more that one could say about these poison pen artists barb shooting against the fine Negro athletes playing all over the nation, barred from the big leagues. Detroit's trade union movement, that has written in letters of struggle, that Negro and white shall be united in unions, political action and social activity, must step up and take as healthy a cut at Jim Crowism as they have seen the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Negro Giants take last Sunday. The ailing and ancient Tigers need such players, need such brilliant pitching and catching as we witnessed Sunday. Let's demand from Walter Briggs that Detroit shall have it and have it next season.

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HOMESTEAD GRAYS WIN 1941 NEGRO NAT'L LEAGUE PENNANT

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By BUSTER MILLER

The Homestead Grays swamped the New York Cubans, 20-0, in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday at Yankee Stadium to clinch the Negro National League pennant and gain possession of the coveted Ruppert Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the league championship. The Grays also won the second game, 5-0. A crowd of 12,000 witnessed the encounter.

The Pittsburgh teed off on Dave Burnhill, Slick Barnal and Dave Howard for a total of nineteen base hits in the opener, nine of which were extra bases. Home runs by Brooks, Brown and Leonard, together with triples by Easterling and Harris, and doubles by Brooks, Brown, Harris and Williams, featured the one-sided contest.

On the mound for the Grays, Ray Brown turned in his usual sterling performance, sending the Cuban batters to the bench in every inning except the fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth. In those innings only four batters faced the great righthander who gave up only six scattered hits. Brown batted in one of his team's runs in the second, another in the fifth, and three in the ninth when he homered with two on.

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The Cubans had little better chance in the second game as Terris McDuffie turned them back with only three hits, sending the batters down in one, two, three order from the third to the seventh inning. In the field, the Islanders went completely to pieces, committing five errors which largely contributed to Slaick Anderson's defeat. Brooks homered in the fourth for his second round tripper of the day.

Between games, License Commissioner Paul Moss, representing Mayor LaGuardia, presented the Ruppert Trophy to the victorious Grays in recognition of their winning performance.

BOX SCORE

First Game

Grays	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Whatley, rf	7	0	1	2	0	0
Williams, ss	5	1	1	0	2	0
Benjamin, cf	6	1	1	5	0	0
Leonard, 1b	4	3	2	14	0	0
Easterling 3b	5	5	4	0	3	0
Brooks, c	4	3	2	3	0	0
Harris, lf	4	3	3	3	0	0
Carlisle, 2b	4	3	2	0	7	0
Brown, p.	5	1	3	0	0	0
Totals	44	20	19	27	12	0

Cubans	ab	r	h	hpo	a	e
C. Blanco, 1b	4	0	1	7	0	0
Heredia, 2b	4	0	0	2	4	0
Vargas, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Coimbre, lf	4	0	2	2	0	1
Hernandez, rf	4	0	1	5	0	0
H. Blanco, ss	4	0	2	2	2	0
Carreras, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Colas, c	3	0	0	5	1	0
Burnhill, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Howard, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bernal, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
xAnderson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	0	6	27	7	1

x Batted for Howard in 5th.

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Grays	030 152 027—20	19	0
Cubans	000 000 000— 0	6	1

Two base hits—Brooks, Brown, Harris, Williams, Fernandez.

Three base hits—Easterling, Harris.

Home Runs—Brooks, Brown, Leonard.

Stolen bases, Williams, Carlisle, Leonard, Whatley, Harris.

Hit by pitcher—Carlisle.

Errors—Coimbre.

Wild pitch—Burnhill.

Passed ball—Colas.

Umpires — McCrary, Gholson, Cockrell.

SECOND GAME

Grays	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Whatley, rf	5	0	0	1	0	0
Williams, ss	5	1	2	4	4	0
Benjamin, cf	3	1	0	4	0	0
Leonard, 1b	3	1	0	13	0	0
Easterling, 3b	5	1	2	0	3	0
Brooks, c	5	1	1	4	0	0
Harris, lf	5	0	3	0	0	0
Carlisle, 2b	5	0	2	1	4	0
McDuffie, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Total	38	5	10	27	13	0

Cubans	ab	r	h	po	a	e
C. Blanco, 1b	4	0	0	10	2	1
Heredia, 2b	4	0	0	3	3	1
Vargas, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Coimbre, 3b	3	0	0	3	3	0
Fernandez, c	3	0	1	2	2	0
H. Blanco, ss	3	0	1	2	0	1
Delgado, lf	3	0	0	1	0	1
Fernandez, c	3	0	11	2	2	0
Anderson, p	3	0	0	2	3	1
Total	30	0	3	27	13	5

Grays	100 100 300—5	10	0
Cubans	000 000 000—0	3	5

Two base hit—Harris, Hernandez. Home Run—Brooks.

Stolen Base—Carlisle, Easterling 2.

Errors—H. Blanco, Heredia, C. Blanco, Delgado, Anderson.

Sacrifice hit—Benjamin 2.

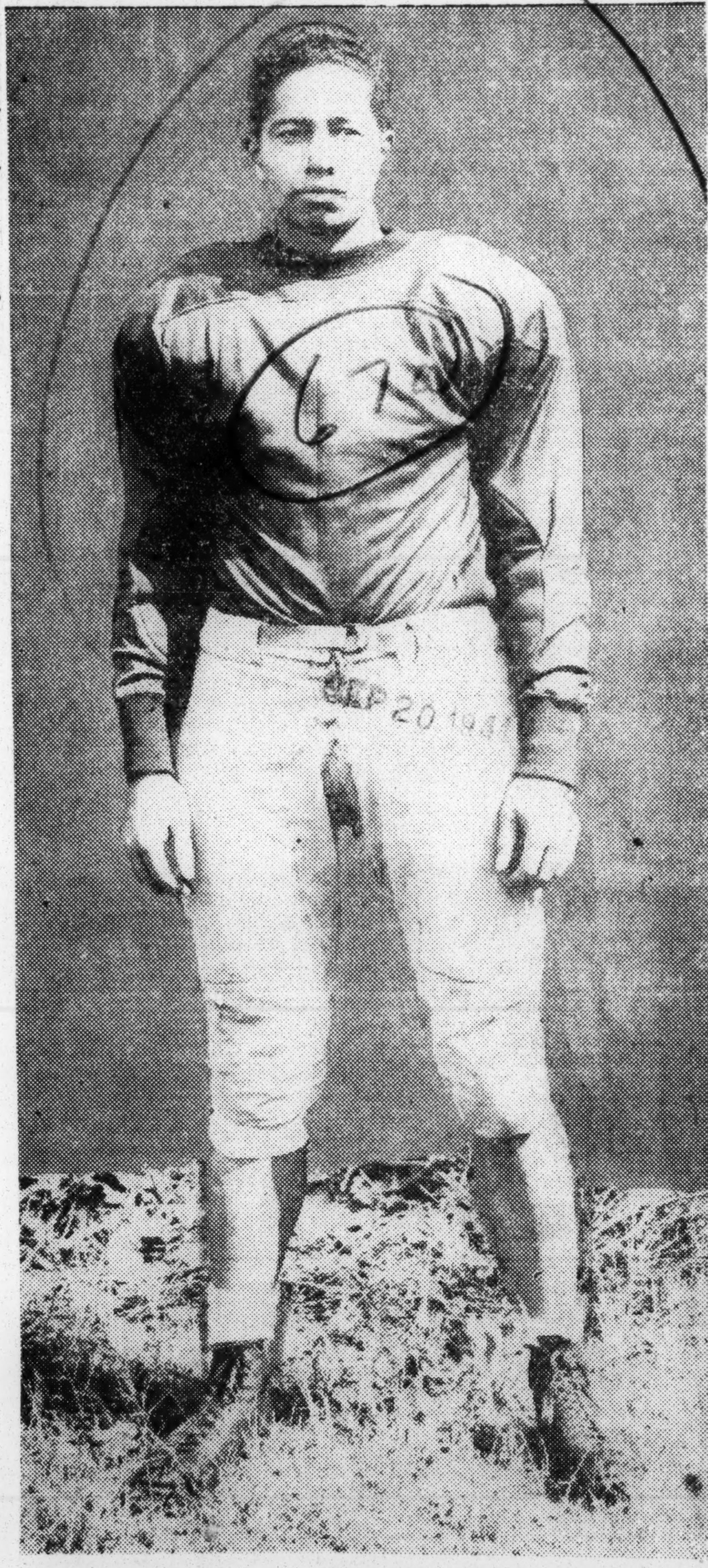
Bases on Balls—Anderson 3.

Struck Out—Anderson 1; McDuffie 4. Doubel play—Anderson, to Fernandez to C. Blanco.

Umpires — McCrary, Gholson, Cockrell.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

If Navy Plays, He Will, Too



Ray Guild, Harvard's colored flash from Cambridge, Mass., will be seen with the Crimson footballers this fall in the annual Harvard-Navy game, according to schedule. That is, if the middies from Annapolis agree to abide by the order of the Harvard Corporation last spring that "no racial discrimination" would be countenanced in the future with athletic opponents of the institution.

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Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

STEEL BOWL GAME FOR BIRMINGHAM AGAIN NEW YEAR'S

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(ANP)—In a special session here last Saturday the executive committee of the SIAC voted approval of an idea presented by C. W. Askew of Birmingham calling for a ''bowl game'' at Rickwood Field, famed baseball park, in Birmingham, New Year's day.

A ''Steel Bowl'' successfully promoted last year by a white group is set again for January 1, 1942, at Legion Field, Birmingham.

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Mr. Askew in presenting his plan to the executive committee submitted evidence showing that the Birmingham Colored YMCA originated the ''Steel Bowl'' and played such a game with high school teams in 1939 and 1940, at Legion Field. He said he was unable at the time to interest any of the college teams in the idea and promoted the nationally famous Steel Bowl classic. The white group has registered in Alabama both the labels ''Steel Bowl'' and ''Iron Bowl'' which restricts the use of those titles in Alabama by any one else.

The executive committee of the SIAC assured Mr. Askew that no stag team will play a bowl game in Birmingham for any white promoters. They said that they have a working agreement with other Negro conferences in which they will not play games in SIAC territory disapproved by the SIAC.

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A sub-committee of the executive committee composed of B. T. Harvey, of Morehouse College, Atlanta; H. Council Trenholm, president of State Teachers College, Montgomery; Coach Clevel L. Abbott of Tuskegee Institute; W. H. Kimble of Talladega College, and J. B. Braggs of Florida A. and M., will meet at the Central YMCA in Birmingham, September 21, to iron out details of the proposed game. Their work, which will be done in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the Birmingham group, must be approved by S. I. A. C. colleges before the game is put on.

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Public and Press Both Acclaim Boy From West Coast Who Lost as a Man

Amsterdam News
—New York, N. Y.

Thouands Cheer Game Stand of Homicide Hank in Garden

By DAN BURLEY
—Sports Editor—

The greatest championship fight in the last decade is now history. Henry Armstrong, the human buzz-saw from California, has hung up his gloves forever, and Fritzie Zivic, the rugged jab artist of Pittsburgh, reigns undisputedly as welterweight champion of the world. He retained that honor in his return match with Henry Armstrong at Madison Square Garden last Friday night before the largest crowd in the history of that arena, 23,190.

But in hanging up his gloves; in reaching the end of a long, bloody, but glorious trail of conquests in the squared circle during which he annexed three world championships, and held them all at one time, Henry Armstrong today might still be champion because the public, the press and the followers of the sport persist in maintaining that even in defeat—even in face of the bitter circumstances under which the bout suddenly ended in the 12th round — Armstrong unquestionably is the greater of the two antagonists.

In Dressing Room

We newspapermen rushed from the ringside behind Armstrong as they led him to his dressing room. The thousands of fans were milling in the corridors trying to get a peek at the little man whose courage against insurmountable odds had brought tears to the eyes of hundreds in that vast assemblage; hundreds of both races. To the winner's dressing room flocked his supporters, the professional followers; the fellows who won with the winner. But to Armstrong's dressing room flocked hundreds of those who were carried away with the valiant stand he had made in the 11th round to regain a title forever lost. It took a squad of police and detectives to control the mob, milling and clamoring outside Armstrong's dressing room.

Robe Over Shoulder

Inside, Armstrong sat on a bench against the wall. His black robe was about his shoulders. The room was quickly filled with writers and close friends. No one seemed anxious to break a silence that somehow seemed to envelop the whole scene. Finally, somebody timidly asked:

"How do you feel, Henry?" Armstrong's head was bowed. He breathed heavily and at each breath, a gasping kind of breath which brought fresh blood coursing from beneath his eyelids — eyelids that were ceaselessly being daubed with some lotion on cotton by his trainer and second, Harry Armstrong—the little fellow answered in jerky sentences:

"Fine Fighter"

"I feel all right. He didn't hurt me. My eyes, I guess, just wouldn't hold up. No, my legs didn't give me away. He's a fine fighter. He hit me a plenty, but he didn't hurt me."

"Are you going to fight anymore, Henry?" We looked around angrily at the fellow who asked that one. The answer was too obvious. How could this question be asked when the evidence that Armstrong wouldn't fight again was before all our eyes? Well, it's the work of a newspaperman. We'd ask a murderer in the electric chair if he intended to kill again if it'd make a good story.

" I guess my eyes won't hold up. I guess I'll have to quit," Armstrong said brokenly. The blood was still strickling from beneath his eyelids and from wounds over his brows. Harry and the good Dr. William H. Walker were busy sponging the wounds and working on his cracked and bleeding lips and mouth. At his side was a bottle of Coca Cola. He spat often into a bucket at his feet.

Out Like A Champ

"But I went out like a champion, didn't I?" The question was asked suddenly and eagerly. The little brown fellow had finally raised his head and through bleary eyes, befogged with his own blood, he asked the question the answer of which meant more to him than all the titles in the world. It wasn't ego; it was the yearning to know whether he had died upholding the tradition he had established in ringdom—to Keep Punching. It was a question everyone of us felt like answering with a tremendous shout—a shout as powerful and as loud as the deepthroated roar of a football crowd as the home club trots on the field.

"You're damned right, Henry!!" I felt my vocal chords moving and was conscious of answering in unison. Every soul in that dressing room echoed that sentiment.

An estimated 5,000 were turned away at the Garden as early as 5 p.m. the night of the fight. The crowd of 23,190 paid $78,242 to see the fight. A net gate of $66,817 gave Armstrong a 25 per cent cut or $16,530 as his pay for the most thrilling exhibition in the history of pugilism. Zivic got 30 per cent, or $19,836.

Didn't Shuffle

A brief resume of the fight itself, saw Armstrong starting in a boxing stance, instead of his shuffling aggressive attack. They fought at long range in round one and Hank caught a two fisted tattoo on the face. Henry closed in to get a barrage of right uppercuts. Armstrong charged in the second round trying to land a right hand, but Zivic held him off with a long left and scored two short rights to the head. Zivic landed only one body blow. Instead, his attack was centered on Armstrong's eyes. Armstrong was very slow. Zivic scored five times with a left to the face in the third before Henry walloped him with a bruising right to the head. They traded roughly for a minute as Henry's face reddened, but in the final 30 seconds, Armstrong rocked him with left hooks to the face and a right to the head. It was one of the two rounds Armstrong won.

Face Gory Blot

From then on it was a question of how much punishment Armstrong could stand. His face became a gory blot as he strove to close in on his foe and land a lethal blow. Then came the tenth round. Referee Arthur Donovan, who worked in all of the fights in which Armstrong won titles, went over to his corner and notified him that he would give him one more round before stopping the fight.

Armstrong nodded and the bell rang for the 11th. Out he charged like an untamed tiger. He swarmed all over Zivic, frightening the Pittsburgher and

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Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Morris Brown Beats Ohioans In Steel Bowl

Atlantans Score Three Touchdowns To Win Easily, 19 to 3.

JAN 2 1941

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Morris Brown, of Atlanta, a swift-striking football machine, rolled over Wilberforce University, 19-3, here today in the first annual Steel Bowl game.

Approximately 8,000 fans attended the inaugural contest, which a steel bowl committee plans as an annual New Year's Day clash between the nation's leading Negro football teams.

Wilberforce, midwest champions, scored first when Bill Schnebly, 266-pound tackle, booted a field goal from the seven-yard line after a 20-yard punt return by James Hart.

But from there out Morris Brown piled up increasing evidence of decisive superiority in every phase of play.

The southern champions, who claimed the national Negro title after today's victory, rumbled to their first touchdown shortly after Shenebly's field goal, with Big John Moody cracking the line for a series of first downs. From the Wilberforce 33, Joe Jenkins, 163-pound rabbit back, swept right end on a double reverse to a touchdown. Moody converted.

In the third period, Pershing Norris fumbled Cecil Franklin's punt on the Wilberforce 13. Gerald Brown recovered for Morris Brown. Moody went over in one smashing plunge.

Jenkins struck with a lightning thrust in the fourth, when he took Schnebly's punt on his own 35 and darted 65 yards for the third score behind strategic blocking by Willis Griffin, Morris Brown guard.

The Atlanta team dominated play throughout the contest, hovering in scoring territory much of the time. Haywood Settles and William Wysinger, Morris Brown tackles, and Gerald Brown, end, figured prominently in stopping the Ohio attack. Wilberforce's end, Troy Ross, Shelton Bell, and Charles Lofton, were outstanding defensively.

Lineups and summary:

WILBERFORCE	Pos.	MORRIS BROWN
Bell	L.E.	G'ld Brown (C.)
Cornwell	T.T.	Settles
Hoffman	L.G.	Shepherd
Fuller	C.	Clarence Brown
Carter (C.)	R.G.	Griffin
Schnebly	R.T.	Wysinger
Ross	R.E.	Gimers
Proctor	Q.B.	Durham
Castleman	L.H.	Jenkins
Hart	R.H.	Mitchell
Clifton Brown	F.B.	Moody

Score by periods:

Wilberforce	3	0	0	0— 3
Morris Brown	7	0	6	6—19

Scoring: Wilberforce, field goal, Schnebly (from placement). Morris Brown, touchdowns, Jenkins 2, Moody; extra point, Moody (from placement).

Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

Nevada Eleven Has Three Negroes In Starting Lineup

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RENO, Nev.—(ANP)— Although there are only a few Negroes in this state, the University of Nevada lists three colored players on its varsity football squad for the 1941 season. The team plays the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on December 30.

The lineup finds Marion Motley, 21, holding a position with the team as tailback. Motley weighs 210 pounds, and has played varsity football for one year.

Raymond Freeman, 20, formerly of Weber Junior College, is tailback and wingback. Weighing 178 pounds, Freeman is also a member of the track team.

From Yubar Junior College comes Ben Anderson, 19, and weighing 202 pounds. His position is right end.

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JAN 17 1941

The Pinch Hitter

- **No Jim Crow for OSU Coach**
- **Doubletalk on the Sports Page**

By Bill Newton

THIS AND THAT: Paul Brown, Ohio State's new coach, probably would have some interesting things to say on NYU's Jim Crow policy. . . . The Massillon (Ohio) high school eleven that Brown coached so successfully had a number of excellent Negro players on the squad. . . . You remember we carried a picture of this amazing outfit some time ago. . . . The boys list just one of their last 60 games. . . . Brown's record indicates that, with a new mentor at the helm, Ohio State may finally realize on its perennially high-class talent. . . . Francis Schmidt, ex-OSU coach, was out of place in Columbus. . . . In this observer's view, Schmidt probably would do well with one of the professional elevens.

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Washington Double-Talk

Wednesday's Daily Worker sports page took an interesting point of view. . . . According to a baseball article, "The dope behind the Chicago White Sox's conditional purchase of Pitcher Joe Haynes from the Washington Senators is that etaoishr taoivbgk ta." . . . This corner knew that the Washington Senators went in for double-talk, but we always figured it was restricted to such of the "nation's representatives" as Carter Glass, Tom Connally, and Arthur Vandenberg when they spout about "peace. . . ."

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You can't overestimate the importance of the fight NYU students are waging against Jim Crow. . . . Remember that the committee Violet students have formed to fight discrimination arose out of the Bates case, and that from experience with the Jim Crowing of Bates, Ed Williams, and others, the courageous students are putting up a stronger fight as each "case" arises. . . . The eyes of the whole country, as the storm of nationwide protests shows, are on the NYU administration, whose record is disgraceful. . . . NYU may temporarily get away with Jim Crowing young Jim Coward, but the time is not far distant when Chancellor Chase, Dean Payne, and Athletic Director Badger are going to have to recognize the Constitution. . . Jim Crow is taking quite a beating from NYU students.

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An Interesting Letter

Dear Pinch Hitter,

I particularly enjoyed your column of Dec. 27, 1940 on weight lifting. You said, "Weight-lifting has a long and honorable background in any number of countries and it is recognized everywhere as the best body-building activity of 'em all, for women as well as men."

Don't you think that the Daily Worker should cover weight-lifting events so those interested could get this information without conscription and war propaganda—they wouldn't have to read "Strength and Health"?

Wouldn't it be good to have an English translation of a Soviet book on weight-lifting training methods? There could be no charge of plagiarism and it would be authoritative.

Wouldn't it be profitable for some American machinists to get together and manufacture bar-bells, iron boots, etc., at a price within the reach of the under-privileged? As for any patented features on existing equipment, I am sure that they are not essential and better details can be invented.

Yours truly,
PHIL O. MELL.

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That last point is especially provocative. The price of iron and steel has gone up as a result of the "national defense" drives. That should further skyrocket the price of barbells—just another example of how "national defense" cuts into sports.

Richmond, Va. News-Leader
February 14, 1941

Negro Free-Throw T[...]

Qualifying in Annual [...]

Qualifying in the annual Negro basketball free-throw tournament opened this week and will continue through Feb. 21, Supervisor B. H. Thompson, of the Negro Recreation Department, revealed today. The tournament is sponsored by The News Leader.

The semi-final round will be held from Feb. 24 through March 5. Finals will be held from March 6 through March 14.

This tournament is open only to Negro boys who will be divided into four divisions. Midgets, under 14; Juniors, under 16; Intermediates, under 18, and Seniors, over 18.

Thompson expects 2,000 entries from Virginia Randolph, Maggie Walker, Chesterfield High, Hanover Industrial School, Armstrong High, Peabody High, of Petersburg; Webster-Davis High, Virginia Union, Virginia State, Recreation Center, Fulton A. C., Southside A. C., Oakwood A. C., Randolph A. C. and the Moore-Street A. C.

Further information may be obtained from Thompson at 1610 Sledd Street.

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FEB 25 1941

Henry Armstrong Sets Up Wine Business

By NELL DODSON

NEW YORK—(ANP)—"Losing was the greatest win I've ever accomplished. I never dreamed of defeat as being like this."

Ex-three title champion Henry Armstrong was talking about his life, his career his future. We were were sitting in the living room of the big house on Convent avenue and 147th street in Harlem's Sugar Hill section one afternoon recently just before Hank was scheduled to leave on a business trip to the west coast. Armstrong had on a blue bathrobe and house slippers. He alternately smoked and chewed on a pipe as he talked.

POPULARITY INCREASED

"You know," he reflected, "it's natural for a loser's dressing room to be empty after a fight. It's only natural trend of things. But the loss of that fight to Zivic and my whole boxing career has been an experience in popularity. The night after the Zivic fight, my dressing room was more crowded with people than at any time in my career! It held a greater significance for me than anything in my career. But all in all, my whole ring career taught me to think deep and real."

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Armstrong speaks of the ring as a thing definitely past. "I'm not thinking of throwing any more gloves; I cut too easily" he will tell you and his eyes bear out this statement pretty well. The still bear tell-tale scars of the ring battles Hank Armstrong win fame with.

WINE BUSINESS

Right now, Hank is busy establishing a wine business with headquarters in New York. He's in partnership with Gus Skouras a popular and canny Greek who knows the distillery business from A to Z. On his coast trip, Henry will make business contacts, observe the functioning of the famed California wineries. He wants to establish his own vineyard at Fresno.

There's one business he's always been interested in. He told me back in 1938. he had ambitions to establish a chain of night clubs in Los Angeles, St. Louis and New York.

LIKES NITERY IDEA

On this last talk I had with him, he admitted: "If I could just get this night club idea started, I'd be as gay as ever." Armstrong likes the night club atmosphere and the things that go with it. This side of his nature is utterly foreign to the other extreme in his make-up the deep intellectual and philosopher, the wrter of poetry with religious insight.

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I believe, and Hank confesses frankly, that the two extremes within him, make him restless always possessed with a desire to be on the go.

"Harry is more settled than I am," he said. "He has his hot dog business in Los Angeles and seems to be satisfied with life." He was referring to Harry Armstrong, his trainer and the arm who has shared his hardships and successes with him and whom many believe to be his real brother.

HANK, A PUZZLE

Henry Armstrong is a puzzle. One moment the playboy: the next, the philosopher who talks with uncanny intimacy of God and the destiny of man in the scheme of things. This latter side, he doesn't show to everyone; only to those whose judgment and intelligence he respects. His moods change like the will-o'-the-wisp so suddenly that at times one despairs of ever keeping pace with him. One thing is certain, whatever the future may bring. Armstrong will remain one of the most colorful characters on the horizon he chooses to make his own. There seems to be some quizotic destiny guiding his fate that will always prevent him from being completely eclipsed.

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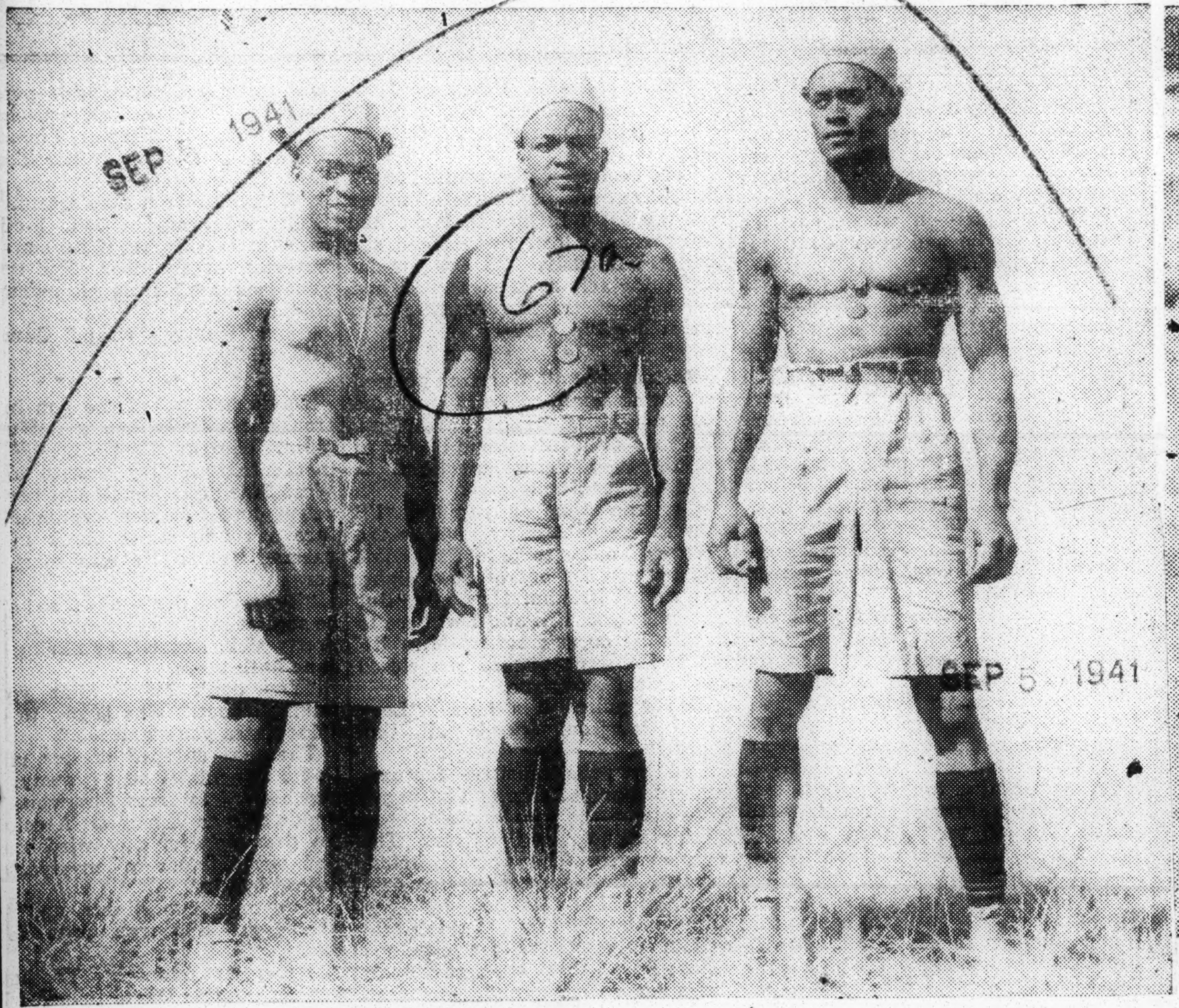
To Play In Big Coast All-Star Tilt Sept. 12



LOS ANGELES, Cal.—(SNS) — Friday night, September 12, when the Washington Redskins are met by the All-Stars of Paul Schissler and Ernie Pinckert at Gilmore Field here in the Angel City, the lineup of the latter will show all three of the above stars.

Left to right, the ex-collegiae grid standouts and present film "extra" players are Kenny Washington, Alpheus Duvalle, and Woody Strode.

Washington starred at quarterback and Strode at end for UCLA, while Duvalle was one of Loyola's greatest tackles of all-time, Kenny made All-American, while Strode twice rated all-coast, a distinction that went to Washington three times.

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Beats Own World Record

JEAN LANE

Jean Lane Lowers Own World 100 Yard Dash Record From 10.9 To 10.5 Seconds

WILBERFORCE, Ohio. (SNS) Loyal supporters of the Wilberforce "Flash," Miss Jean Betty Lane, had to wait until she and her party returned from Canada to get the true story of the exceptional performance of the Buckeye Lass in the 100 yards open individual at the Canadian National Exhibition, September 1.

It seems that among those invited from the States were Miss Stella Walsh, Cleveland Polish Olympic star and Miss Lane. Miss Walsh was very anxious to appear at the Exhibition until she learned that Miss Lane was also invited and would be there. Miss Walsh immediately remembered a meet in Pittsburgh where she was suppose to run. When Miss Lane reported for the 100 yards open on Saturday the field had dwindle to three.

The Wilberforcean won to the tune of 11.2. There was practically

no competition an the Ohio Miss did not extend herself. The time was, however, one tenth second faster that the time set by Miss Walsh in her 1940 appearance at the exhibition.

Came Labor Day and the running of the 100 yards women's open. The officials and the coaches went into a huddle. It was then announced to the 30,000 persons in the stands that Miss Lane had agreed to a five yard handicap for senior girls taking part in the race and an eight yard handicap for the juniors. This announcement was greeted with loud applause. It was further stated that Miss Lane would try for a new Canadian record.

With the crack of the starter's pistol Miss Lane was away like a flash picking up one by one each contestant and with a burst of speed that brought spectators to their feet, broke the taps 10.5 seconds. Whether or not the record will be officially recognized in Canada will depend on the decision of the track officials who were still discussing the wind velocity at the time of the record performance. Miss Lane was accompanied to Canada by her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. J. Aubrey Lane and her two coaches, Messrs. "Country" Lewis and "Tee" Harris.

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Memphis Plays Host To '42 Meet; Fort Valley 15th SIAC Member

By LUCIUS JONES
(SNS Sports Edtor)

The 1942 assembly of the Southern Coaches and Officials Association—its eighteenth annual fall pow-wow—will be held in the convention city of Memphis, Tennessee.

That city and Nashville had extended invitations. Memphis won out in the final balloting.

EXPLOSIVE SESSION

The seventeenth annual meeting just closed was one of the most heated and enthusiastic of all SCOA assemblages, a fireworks exploding with a terrific boom in the late afternoon session at College Hill Homes, federal low-cost housing project, after the officiating film, "The Rules of the Game," had been screened.

Most significant of the discussions was that dealing with the non-voting status of football officials in the organization, whereas coaches and athletic directors do enjoy that privilege.

COMPROMISE

In the end, recommendations by B. T. Harvey, secretary-treasurer, which proposed a revision of the constitution of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to provide voting power for the officials and also to sectionalize the body so that there might be separate assembly of the coaches and officials in their annual deliberations, were received and adopted.

A revision committee was appointed by President C. Johnson Dunn of Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama, for that purpose.

MORE FIREWORKS

Other heated discussions, especially one provoked by Coach A. S. (Jake) Gaither of Florida A. and M. college, in which he deplored grid officials coming upon the field of play with "liquor on their breath," found the house in a stir.

The rules interpretation period was stormy as usual, the arbiters themselves differing sharply on interpretations at various times until, in the end, some final and recognized views were adopted. T. R. Gaston, of the host committee in Chattanooga, Tennessee, scene of the 1941 meeting, presided, assisted by other local members, Thirkield E. Cravens, Walter D. Parks, and O. L. Goode.

ALL DAY ROUTINE

Following the all-day session Saturday, there was a brilliant banquet for the 110 coaches and officials, topped off with a dance honoring the visiting delegates. Headquarters were at Hotel Martin, along East Ninth Street.

The day's sessions were opened Saturday with a welcome address by P. R. Oligiatti, superintendent of parks and playgrounds, while Assistant Attorney General Frank Darwin, also white, discussed "Modern Trends of Football."

The SCOA voted out resolutions of thanks to Chattanooga for filling the role of host ideally after the scheduling and assigning of officials for the year. A number of colleges completed their 1941 grid schedules at the meeting.

15 SIAC MEMBERS

For Fort Valley State College it was her inaugural as a member of the conference which now totals 15 members. All the head coaches and athletic directors who manned the conference grid juggernauts last year were back on hand. There were few new faces. Most of those that were in evidence belonged to prospective SCOA officials.

Officers re-elected follow:

President, C. Johnson Dunn, State Teachers' College, Montgomery, Ala.; vice-presidents, First District, Theodore Wright, Xavier College, New Orleans, La.; Second District, T. E. Cravens, department of education, Chattanooga, Tenn; Third District, Paul Webber, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C.; Fourth District, H. L. Moseley, Birmingham, Ala.; Fifth District, William Bell, Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee, Fla.

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Democracy in Sports

Capt. Red Stewart of W.Va. State shakes hands with Capt. Carson of the Rio Grande College team of Ohio just before game two Saturdays ago in which W.Va. won, 47-6. The two players led their respective teams in what is believed to be the first interracial collegiate football game.

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Barney Ewell Beaten In The Penn Relays 100-Yard Dash

Barney Ewell, Penn State flash and winner of the 100-yard feature at Drake in 1940, finished second Saturday to white William Welby, North Texas Teachers' college. Bill Carter, University of Pittsburgh, was third. Tom East, Cheyney Teachers of Pennsylvania, was third in the first trial heat which Ewell won. Photo shows, left to right: Bill Carter, Pittsburgh, third; Ewell, Penn State, second; John Doolan, Georgetown, fifth; William Welby, North Texas Teachers, winner; Lawrence Ritter, Dartmouth, sixth and last. Blocked out by Weby's body is Robert Jackson, Princeton, who was fourth.—John W. Mosley, Philadelphia.

Lem Franklin Knocks Out Simon In Fifth Round

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Massive Abe Gets Severe Whipping

CLEVELAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Lem Franklin, 201, of Cleveland, slammed out a fifth-round technical knockout of 255-pound Abe Simon of New York in their scheduled 10-round match at The Arena Monday night to strengthen his claims for a chance at Joe Louis' crown.

The end came for the huge New Yorker at 1:33 for the fifth stanza after Franklin had floored him in each of the four previous rounds.

Franklin beat Louis' time with Simon by eight rounds. It took the champion till the 13th round to defeat big Abe.

The Clevelander also had finished off Tony Musto of Chicago in quicker time than the Brown Bomber—two rounds, as against Louis' nine, and Franklin's managers have served notice they will demand he be recognized as number one challenger.

The fight was Franklin's all the way. Striking with lightning-like precision Lem didn't give the slow-moving Simon a chance. Franklin beat him to the canvas early in the first period and was on his way to another knockdown when the bell rang.

He scored another knockdown in the second. His opponent seemed helpless, but try as he might, Lem couldn't finish him off.

Simon was on the floor again in the third round. In the fourth Franklin pounded him all over the ring before he finally fell near the end of the round. The giant got to his feet at the count of nine, just before the bell sounded ending the round.

Franklin was in for the kill in the fifth, hitting him with terrific rights and lefts before Simon finally collapsed.

In a 10-round return match between Jimmie Reeves, 166, Cleveland, and Jacob LaMotta, 164, New York, the decision went to Reeves as in their previous meeting.

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13.—Theodore Cousins, Institute, W. Va.
14.—Clarence Hunter, Detroit.
15.—W. H. Hall, Louisville.
16.—Johnson Wells, Institute, W. Va.
17.—John L. McGriff Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
18.—C. O. Hilton, M. D., Newark, N. J.
19.—T. R. Lawson, Prairie View, Texas.
20.—Robert C. Bennett, Chicago.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1.—Agnes Lawson of Prairie View, Texas: winner national championship tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio; winner Prairie View open sectional.

2.—Kathryn Jones of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; finalist national championship, winner Southern open, winner New England closed.

3.—Flora Lomax of Detroit: quarter-finalist national championshi, winner New York open.

4.—Margaret Peters of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: semi-finalist national championship, semi-finalist South Carolina open, semi-finalist Southern open, semi-finalist Florida open, finalist 24th Infantry open.

5.—Roumania Peters of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: quarter-finalist national championship, finalist Southern open, finalist South Carolina open, semi-finalist Florida open, semi-finalist 24th Infantry open.

6.—Mayme Stanley, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
7.—Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8.—Lula Ballard, Cleveland.
9.—Jean Strode, Cleveland.
10.—Carrie Belle Scott, Los Angeles.
11.—Gwen McDaniel, Los Angeles.
12.—Cecil Ward, Los Angeles.
13.—Lillian Van Buren, Detroit.
14.—Fredonia Bundy, New York.
15.—Bertha Isaacs, Nassau, Bahama Islands.
16.—Olga Bethel, Nassau, Bahama Islands.
17.—Cleo Grosvenor, Brooklyn, N. Y.
18.—Edith Arnold, Atlanta.
19.—Inez Patterson, New York City.
20.—Anna B. Showers, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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VETERANS' SINGLES

1.—John B. Garrett, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
2.—Isaac Rivers, Chicago.
3.—Charles W. Lewis Sr., Prairie View, Texas.
4.—Charles W. Williams, New York City.
5.—Clarence J. Grinnell, Philadelphia.
6.—William R. Granger, Brooklyn.
7.—L. E. Spooner, New York City.
8.—L. E. McCauley, M.D., Raleigh, N. C.

JUNIOR SINGLES

1.—Joseph King of McIntosh, Ga.: winner national championship, Wilberforce, Ohio; winner New York open, winner Eastern open, winner Chautauqua open, winner South Carolina open, winner 24th Infantry open, winner Mall club open.

2.—Richard Cunningham of Cleveland: finalist national championship.

3.—Robert Ashford of Columbia, S. C.: semi-finalist national championship, finalist New York open, finalist South Carolina open, finalist 24th Infantry open, winner Southern open.

4.—Roland McDaniel of Richmond, Va.: semi-finalist national championship, semi-finalist New York open, finalist Chautauqua club open.

5.—Marshall Arnold of Atlanta, Ga.: quarterfinalist national championship.

6.—Wendell Collins, Durham, N. C.
7.—Raymond Jackson, New York City.
8.—Stafford Flowers, Richmond, Va.
9.—Norman Morris, Detroit.
10.—James Green, Chicago.
11.—Jefferson Craig, Scotch Plains, N. J.
12.—Robert Scott, Atlanta.
13.—Jack Points, Wilberforce.
14.—David Chenault, Cincinnati.
15.—Leonard Fuller, Los Angeles.
16.—Quinton Vaughan, Brooklyn, N. Y.
17.—William Ming, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
18.—George Simkins, Durham, N. C.
19.—Carlton Ashby, New York City.
20.—Winfield Ashby, New York City.
21.—Norman Spaulding, Chicago.

GIRLS' SINGLES

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2.—Thelma McDaniel of Richmond, Va.: finalist national championship, semi-finalist New York open, finalist Algonquin club open.

3.—Florice Holmes, Durham, N. C.
4.—Audrey Davis, New Jersey.
5.—Nana Davis, New Jersey.
6.—Vivien Murphy, Buffalo.
7.—Dorothy Davis, New Jersey.
8.—Gloria Downing, Roanoke, Va.
9.—R. Daniels, Orangeburg, S. C.
10.—D. Daniels, Orangeburg, S. C.
11.—Augustine Reeder, Washington, D. C.
12.—Marjorie Shepard, Atlanta.
13.—Dorothea Simmons, Somers Isles, Bermuda.

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BOYS' SINGLES

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2.—Robert Isaacs of Nassau, Bahamas Islands: finalist national championship tournament.

3.—Leslye Stallworth, Chicago.
4.—Louis Chippey, Raleigh, N. C.
5.—Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C.
6.—George Branch, Tuskegee, Ala.
7.—De Witt Willis, Plainfield, N. J.
8.—Walter Palmer, Columbia, S. C.
9.—William C. Lewis 3rd, Orangeburg, S. C.
10.—Thomas Byers, Durham, N. C.
11.—William Preston, Roanoke, Va.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1.—Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee Institute.
2.—John Wood and William E. Jones, Baltimore.
3.—Richard Cohen and Jimmie McDaniel, New Orleans.
4.—Dr. John L. McGriff and J. L. McGriff Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
5.—Tommy Walker and Robert Ryland, Chicago.
6.—Dr. C. O. Hilton and Logan McWilson, Newark and Montclair, N. J.
7.—J. D. Russell and Ben Tiff, Cleveland.
8.—Dr. R. Walter Johnson and Harmon Fitch, Lynchburg, Va.
9.—Johnson Wells and Theodore Cousins, Institute, W. Va.
10.—Howard Brown, Boston, and Walter Mitchell, Cincinnati.

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White Player to Face Morgan in Baltimore Tilt

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BALTIMORE

Ralph Oves, only white football player in colored college competition, will be among the twenty-two players who will be in the starting line-ups of Morgan and Lincoln when the two rivals clash on the gridiron at Morgan State College on Saturday.

Oves, a junior, 210-pounder, will be at center for Coach Manny Rivero's Lions. Two years ago when Oves was a freshman, the hefty white pivotman played here against the Bears, but was used only at intervals. However, he is now the first-string Lincoln center and will probably play most of the 60 minutes.

Oves's presence in the Lion line-up may give the Lincoln crew an edge at center, for Coach Edward P. Hurt will have to begin an untried pivotman at the post. William (Sugar) Cain, last year's All-CIAA center and four-year man at Morgan, graduated last June. Eddie Marshall, a Baltimore boy, and Elan Coach, 190-pound freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y., are the most promising prospects for Cain's post. Both will face Oves at intervals during the game.

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13.—Theodore Cousins, Institute, W. Va.
14.—Clarence Hunter, Detroit.
15.—W. H. Hall, Louisville.
16.—Johnson Wells, Institute, W. Va.
17.—John L. McGriff Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
18.—C. O. Hilton, M. D., Newark, N. J.
19.—T. R. Lawson, Prairie View, Texas.
20.—Robert C. Bennett, Chicago.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1.—Agnes Lawson of Prairie View, Texas: winner national championship tournament, Wilberforce, Ohio; winner Prairie View open sectional.

2.—Kathryn Jones of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; finalist national championship, winner Southern open, winner New England closed.

3.—Flora Lomax of Detroit: quarter-finalist national championshi, winner New York open.

4.—Margaret Peters of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: semi-finalist national championship, semi-finalist South Carolina open, semi-finalist Southern open, semi-finalist Florida open, finalist 24th Infantry open.

5.—Roumania Peters of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: quarter-finalist national championship, finalist Southern open, finalist South Carolina open, semi-finalist Florida open, semi-finalist 24th Infantry open.

6.—Mayme Stanley, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
7.—Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8.—Lula Ballard, Cleveland.
9.—Jean Strode, Cleveland.
10.—Carrie Belle Scott, Los Angeles.
11.—Gwen McDaniel, Los Angeles.
12.—Cecil Ward, Los Angeles.
13.—Lillian Van Buren, Detroit.
14.—Fredonia Bundy, New York.
15.—Bertha Isaacs, Nassau, Bahama Islands.
16.—Olga Bethel, Nassau, Bahama Islands.
17.—Cleo Grosvenor, Brooklyn, N. Y.
18.—Edith Arnold, Atlanta.
19.—Inez Patterson, New York City.
20.—Anna B. Showers, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VETERANS' SINGLES

1.—John B. Garrett, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
2.—Isaac Rivers, Chicago.
3.—Charles W. Lewis Sr., Prairie View, Texas.
4.—Charles W. Williams, New York City.
5.—Clarence J. Grinnell, Philadelphia.
6.—William R. Granger, Brooklyn.
7.—L. E. Spooner, New York City.
8.—L. E. McCauley, M.D., Raleigh, N. C.

JUNIOR SINGLES

1.—Joseph King of McIntosh, Ga.: winner national championship, Wilberforce, Ohio; winner New York open, winner Eastern open, winner Chautauqua open, winner South Carolina open, winner 24th Infantry open, winner Mall club open.

2.—Richard Cunningham of Cleveland: finalist national championship.

3.—Robert Ashford of Columbia, S. C.: semi-finalist national championship, finalist New York open, finalist South Carolina open, finalist 24th Infantry open, winner Southern open.

4.—Roland McDaniel of Richmond, Va.: semi-finalist national championship, semi-finalist New York open, finalist Chautauqua club open.

5.—Marshall Arnold of Atlanta, Ga.: quarterfinalist national championship.

6.—Wendell Collins, Durham, N. C.
7.—Raymond Jackson, New York City.
8.—Stafford Flowers, Richmond, Va.
9.—Norman Morris, Detroit.
10.—James Green, Chicago.
11.—Jefferson Craig, Scotch Plains, N. J.
12.—Robert Scott, Atlanta.
13.—Jack Points, Wilberforce.
14.—David Chenault, Cincinnati.
15.—Leonard Fuller, Los Angeles.
16.—Quinton Vaughan, Brooklyn, N. Y.
17.—William Ming, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
18.—George Simkins, Durham, N. C.
19.—Carlton Ashby, New York City.
20.—Winfield Ashby, New York City.
21.—Norman Spaulding, Chicago.

GIRLS' SINGLES

1.—Helen Hutchinson of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: winner national championship tournament, Wilberforce; winner Florida open, winner Southern open, winner 24th Infantry open.

2.—Thelma McDaniel of Richmond, Va.: finalist national championship, semi-finalist New York open, finalist Algonquin club open.

3.—Florice Holmes, Durham, N. C.
4.—Audrey Davis, New Jersey.
5.—Nana Davis, New Jersey.
6.—Vivien Murphy, Buffalo.
7.—Dorothy Davis, New Jersey.
8.—Gloria Downing, Roanoke, Va.
9.—R. Daniels, Orangeburg, S. C.
10.—D. Daniels, Orangeburg, S. C.
11.—Augustine Reeder, Washington, D. C.
12.—Marjorie Shepard, Atlanta.
13.—Dorothea Simmons, Somers Isles, Bermuda.

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BOYS' SINGLES

1.—Charles W. Lewis Jr. of Prairie View, Texas: winner national championship tournament, Wilberforce.

2.—Robert Isaacs of Nassau, Bahamas Islands: finalist national championship tournament.

3.—Leslye Stallworth, Chicago.
4.—Louis Chippey, Raleigh, N. C.
5.—Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C.
6.—George Branch, Tuskegee, Ala.
7.—De Witt Willis, Plainfield, N. J.
8.—Walter Palmer, Columbia, S. C.
9.—William C. Lewis 3rd, Orangeburg, S. C.
10.—Thomas Byers, Durham, N. C.
11.—William Preston, Roanoke, Va.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1.—Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee Institute.
2.—John Wood and William E. Jones, Baltimore.
3.—Richard Cohen and Jimmie McDaniel, New Orleans.
4.—Dr. John L. McGriff and J. L. McGriff Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
5.—Tommy Walker and Robert Ryland, Chicago.
6.—Dr. C. O. Hilton and Logan McWilson, Newark and Montclair, N. J.
7.—J. D. Russell and Ben Tiff, Cleveland.
8.—Dr. R. Walter Johnson and Harmon Fitch, Lynchburg, Va.
9.—Johnson Wells and Theodore Cousins, Institute, W. Va.
10.—Howard Brown, Boston, and Walter Mitchell, Cincinnati.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1.—Margaret and Roumania Peters, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
2.—Ora Washington, Philadelphia, and Anita Gant, Washington, D. C.
3.—Gwen McDaniel and Evlene Thornton, Los Angeles, Cal.
4.—Cecil Ward and Carrie Belle Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.
5.—Kathryn Jones and Mayme Stanley, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

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2.—Marshall Arnold, Atlanta, and Joseph King, McIntosh, Ga.
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5.—Walter Palmer, Columbia, S. C., and Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C.
6.—James Wood, Baltimore, and Charles Lewis, Prairie View, Texas.
7.—Albert Vincent and Raymond Jackson, New York City.
8.—Delbert Russell and Norman Morris, Detroit.

MIXED DOUBLES

1.—Flora Lomax, Detroit, and W. H. Hall, Louisville.
2.—Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, and John Wood, Baltimore.
3.—Ora Washington and Sylvester B. Smith, D.D.S., Philadelphia.
4.—Anita Gant, Washington, D. C., and John Chandler, Fanwood, N. J.
5.—Agnes Lawson and T. R. Lawson, Prairie View, Texas.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

White Player to Face Morgan in Baltimore Tilt

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BALTIMORE

Ralph Oves, only white football player in colored college competition, will be among the twenty-two players who will be in the starting line-ups of Morgan and Lincoln when the two rivals clash on the gridiron at Morgan State College on Saturday.

Oves, a junior, 210-pounder, will be at center for Coach Manny Rivero's Lions. Two years ago when Oves was a freshman, the hefty white pivotman played here against the Bears, but was used only at intervals. However, he is now the first-string Lincoln center and will probably play most of the 60 minutes.

Oves's presence in the Lion line-up may give the Lincoln crew an edge at center, for Coach Edward P. Hurt will have to begin an untried pivotman at the post. William (Sugar) Cain, last year's All-CIAA center and four-year man at Morgan, graduated last June. Eddie Marshall, a Baltimore boy, and Elan Coach, 190-pound freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y., are the most promising prospects for Cain's post. Both will face Oves at intervals during the game.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

JACKIE ROBINSON IS PRAISED FOR PLAYING IN ALL-STAR GO

SEP 2 1941

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It was in the fourth quarter that he scored the second and last All-Star touchdown in what was acclaimed the most sensational play of the evening. With Charley O'Rourke of Boston College pitching, Jackie caught one for a 12 yard gain on the left side of the field. On the next play he set out down the right side. Completely outrunning Bobby Swisher, fastest man on the Bear squad, he took a 39 yard O'Rourke pass over his shoulder while traveling full speed and sped the remaining seven yards for a touchdown withno one near him.

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His teammates also seemed behind him. When it looked as if the Bears were roughing him once, no fewer than a dozen All-Stars started upon the field to do battle. They were shooed back by officials.

After the game Dick Plasman, Bear end, declared, "That Jackie Robinson is the fastest man I've ever seen in uniform. I thought Don Hutson was fast, but he could spot Don five years and pass him by. The only time I was worried about the game was when Robinson was in there."

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His sentiments were echoed by nearly all the members of the Bear squad.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Eddie Blunt Suspended By NBA; Body Believes Negro Took Dive For Bill Poland

WASHINGTON, D. C.— (SNS) — Eddie Blunt stands suspended for four months as a result of the miserable showing he made in his bout here last week when he was knocked out by Billy Poland in the fourth round of what was to have been a 25 round bout.

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Dissatisfied with the showing of the colored boxer, the district commission, which is affiliated with the National Boxing Association, ordered his suspension. And, had it not been for the fact that Eddie collected his purse of $1,158.83 immediately after the fight Wednesday night, that would have been held up pending an investigation.

The quick payment of the purses caused the boxing commission to amend its rules so that no fighter may collect his purse until, noon, the day after the fight.

At the meeting on Thursday, the commission ordered the referee, Charley Reynolds, to appear and give his version of what happened. Reynolds said he felt that Poland was in there trying all the way and the blow which felled Blunt was a stiff right to the chin.

Blunt's manager decried any talk of his man taking a dive. "My man got a terrific right under the heart in the second round and he was hurt badly. He never got over it, although he didn't tell me about how badly he was hurt until the fight was over. After the fight, Blunt didn't have anything to say. We would like another shot at Poland, that's all."

The suspension is effective in 30 states, but void in New York and California, which do not abide by the decisions of the NBA.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Borican Wins Half Mile, Mile Events

SEP 2 1941

NEW YORK—C—John Borican, who holds the national 1,000-meter title, ran a captured top honors in the second annual Maccabi Athletic club track and field meet by winning the one-mile run and negotiating a 1.56.6 half-mile yesterday at McCombs Dam Park.

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Long-striding Borican ran a well planned race as he won as he pleased in the comparatively slow time of 4:36. Herbert Pirkl of the Milrose A. C. had set the pace for the first 2½ miles, while Borican was content to remain in last place. Then with 250 yards remaining, Borican made his bid, sprung out front and nipped Pirkl in the finish by one foot.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Jean Lane Signally Honored

WILBERFORCE, O. — (SNS) — Unique in the athletic annuals of Wilberforce University was the action of the Wilberforce Athletic Committee, headed by Professor E. Champ Warrick, chairman and I. S. Lane, graduate manager in the awarding of a varsity "W" in track to a young woman student.

The recipient was Miss Jean Betty Lane, senior student in physical education and stellar cinderpath performer for the Buckeye school. Miss Lane, the only young woman participant in track at Wilberforce is technically according to her coach, Gaston F. (Country) Lewis, a member of the men's track team. Her name is carried on the men's varsity track team's roll; she practices with them and her picture appeared with them in the 1941 "Forcean," senior year book.

WORLD RECORD

Miss Lane's record in track is too well known to be recounted here in detail. Suffice is it to say that in the two years she has represented Wilberforce she has entered five tournaments and ten events. She has won all ten events lowering the world's record in the outdoor 100 yards from 11.1 to 10.9. For this she was awarded the National Citizens' record; the indoor 100 meters varsity track career she has met from 26.1. to 25.1. During her short varsity track career she has met the famed Polish Olympic track star, Miss Stella Walsh of Cleveland, Ohio, in three races. The Wilberforce miss was the winner each time.

UNUSUAL INVITATION

AUG 13 1941

Recently, an invitation was extended Miss Lane to take part in the National Track and Field Championships sponsored by the National Canadian Exposition, Toronto Canada, August 30-September 1. Miss Lane could not be reached on the campus for a statement concerning the invitation from our neighbor to the north.

The internationally famous speedster is at present serving as counselor for the Springfield, Ohio, YWCA at Camp Knolls, Ohio.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

SATCHEL PAIGE PITCHES TODAY; SO DOES LOUIS

Nearly 20,000 fans may be on hand in Comiskey park this afternoon for a final look this season at Satchel Paige, star pitcher, who will take the mound for the Kansas City Monarchs against the Chicago American Giants. Proceeds of the game, which starts at 3 o'clock, go to the Provident Hospital fund. Kansas City won the league championship the last two years and needs this victory today to stay in the running for a chance at the play-offs and a third successive title.

Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, is scheduled to throw the first ball. His wife is a member of the executive committee sponsoring the game for the Provident hospital. Probable lineups:

KANSAS CITY.	CHICAGO.
Simms, cf	James, ss
Allen, 3b	Crutchfield, rf
Bibbs, 2b	Pennington, cf
Strong, rf	Gipson, lf
Brown, lf	Hudson, 1b
O'Neal, 1b	Radcliffe, 3b
Greene, c	Bassett, c
Williams, ss	Horne, 2b
Paige, p	Shields, p

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

UCLA Gridder Sensation Before 98,000

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Globe and Independent
Nashville, Tenn.

NON-TITLE BOUTS

There have been only two champions in recent years who were willing to put their crowns on the block in every fight—Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis. Both Louis and Armstrong put their titles up so often, championship matches were the usual instead of the unusual.

Thus observes Russ J. Cowans, sports editor of the Detroit Tribune, in a comment on the growing practice of permitting the holders of championship boxing titles to fight non-title bouts. Several of such bouts have been held recently and although the champions lost the bouts they could still point with pride to the fact that they still held their titles and the right to gra bthe lion's share of the gater eceipts of future bouts.

We think we smell a rat in this growing practice of holding non-title bouts. It seems to be a system that is going to use Negro fighters to hustle up the crowds at these bouts, and even permit them to outpoint or bowl over the white champions, but not allow them to win the championship titles and the increased earnings that the titles will bring to the "dark destroyers."

Inasmuch as there is more fairplay and democracy in the sports affairs of this nation than there is in politics or even religion, we doubt that sports followers will for very long support non-title bouts. The amount of money boxing fans pay to see their gladiators in action is sufficient to entitle them to see matches that are first class in every particular.

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And the only first class bout in which a champion can engage and for which regular prices to see him in action should be charged is where he has laid his title "on the line," so to speak. A non-title bout should be as rare as a baseball game between the American and the National League champions at the end of a season, played with the understanding that the World Series title would not be at stake. Just that rare.

Simon Floored Three Times By Franklin

Referee Stops Uneven Battle in Fifth

By LESTER BROMBERG,
Staff Writer.

New York World Telegram
New York, N.Y.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—They always ask first if a heavyweight can punch. On that score, Lemuel Henry Franklin, 24, and a sloping-shouldered study in bronze, qualifies with a capital Q.

This Cleveland Negro proved the point in smashing style as he rendered the mammoth Abe Simon incapable of battling back in the fifth round of a scheduled 10 at the Arena here last night.

It was the second time in succession Franklin had improved on a Joe Louis performance. Recently he cut seven rounds from the army-bound champion's time on Tony Musto here and last night he did the job on Simon in eight rounds less.

Franklin, a one-time hotel porter who scored three crisp knockdowns en route, stems from no counterfighter pattern and fans can't help liking him. He rushed Simon from the start. Lem hits well with either hand, but, with due conservatism it must be noted that he was smashing at a stationary target most of the time last night. A moving target may be tougher.

Plans Immediate Challenge to Louis.

Advancing a Negro contender with a champion of the same race on the throne isn't easy, but Jack Hurley, one-time manager of Billy Petrolle, who has had Franklin for the last six months, can do the job if anyone can.

Hurley announced last night that he would be in New York today in time to appear before the State Athletic Commission.

"We're going to ask recognition," he said. "And first, of course, we'll challenge Louis. I know we can't get him now, so Franklin will fight any of the contenders or all of them. He'll knock them all out, I guarantee."

Simon and his manager, Jimmy Johnston, today were still protesting over the halting of the bout.

"I couldn't understand it," said the fighter. "I was worse in the first round and I got off a worse spot against Louis. This guy isn't in Louis' class as a puncher, anyway."

Simon's three trips to the canvas were all for nine counts. A short right to the jaw dumped him in the first. Another right spun him into the ropes in the second. A left hook pitched him heavily in the fourth. He arose at the bell on this one.

When Referee Sedley acted in the fifth at 1:33 Simon was lying against the ropes near his corner. Abe was on his feet but wasn't punching back. The referee was right.

Simon's Best Round Was Third.

Simon's best round was the third, when he moved around and used the straight left that irked Louis. His worst was the fourth, when Franklin simply couldn't miss him with short rights to the head.

Since going under the management of Hurley, Lem has had six fights. He was held to a decision victory by Selman Martin last summer, but followed that with five straight knockouts, over Jimmy Bivins, Curtis Sheppard, Eddie Simms, Musto and Simon.

A Golden Gloves champion of 1937, Franklin has hung up 23 knockouts in 33 fights since turning pro in 1938. He lost to Freddie Fiducia in a six-rounder on the Schmeling-Harry Thomas card in the Garden in his only New York appearance.

Lem has the ideal build for a heavyweight, standing 6 ft. 2 and weighing 201. He is trained by his father.

The crowd set a record for an indoor fight in Cleveland, 13,256. The gross receipts were $31,623.80 and the net around $25,000. The only consolation for Simon was his purse. He collected around $8500. Franklin got $3000.

Every New Yorker on the card lost, including Jack Lamotta, who bowed to Jimmy Reeves, and Maxie Berger, beaten by Sammy Secreet. These were tens.

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The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

THE ROUND UP:

Morris Brown Takes Negro Grid Title; Waived Yankees Waving Goodbye

Jan 3 - 1941

Morris Brown College of Atlanta is claiming the national Negro football title after defeating Wilberforce University on New Year's Day in the Steel Bowl game at Birmingham, Alabama, 19-3

Approximately eight thousand spectators saw this specially arranged game between the two best Negro college elevens in the country. Wilberforce, midwest leaders scored first on a field goal kicked by 266 pound tackle Bill Shelby But from that point on the southern university took complete command, with left half back Joe Jenkins going over from the 33 on a double reverse, after fullback John Moody plunged into scoring territory. In later periods Jenkins scored on a 65 yard punt runback and Moody went over after Morris Brown recovered a Wilberforce fumble on the 1.

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SOME BOWLING

For posterity this is a complete listing of all the Bowl games played. Rose Bowl at Pasadena. Cotton Bowl at Dallas. Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Orange Bowl, Miami, Sun Bowl, was by Western Reserve at El Paso. Pineapple Bowl, won by Fresno State, in Honolulu, the Steel Bowl, and the Smoke Bowl pro game in Richmond won by the Norfolk All Stars against the Richmond All Stars. That setup just about makes bowling a national pastime.

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Jarrin' Johnny Kimbrough will play for the Yankees of the American football League next season, reports reveal. The unheard of offer of $37,500 for a season's play is what he says made his mind up. He hasn't signed yet but if that's the amount of lucre Douglas Hertz, Yankee president, wants to put up, he will. Now we know where that expression came from, "Give till it Hertz."

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NO TALKIN' NOW

Oldtimers will probably pack the joint when Benny Leonard fights Lou Tendler again in a three one-minute round exhibition at the Golden Glove finals in the Convention Hall in Philadelphia on February 3. Tendler almost took the great lightweight champion's title from him once with a smashing left hook but Benny talked him out of it. There won't be any time for talk in Philly but many eyes will dim at the memory of their historic clash.

Are you noticing the way those Yankees are hitting the road? When Hadley was bumped to the Giants he was the third of the list of nine that the Bronx front office submitted to the rest of the League on waivers. Three down and six to go.

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Kipling said that:
East is East and West is West
and never the twain shall meet.
But in that Shriners game.
East went west for west was
best.
Too bad the twain did meet.

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The Rams may have lost the Cotton Bowl game but they picked up more mazuma that the Aggies. Fordham received $52,700 for its end as did the Aggies. But A & M had to contribute 5 grand to the Southwest conference. No wonder Fordham likes privacy.

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NINE WINNERS

Nine previous winners of the event will battle in the Los Angeles seventy-two-hole open golf tournament starting today at the Riviera Country club. They are Harry Cooper, Macdonald Smith, Denny Shute, Ed Dudley, Craig Wood, Vic Ghezzi, Jimmy Thomson, Jimmy Demarest and Lawson Little.

Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

ARMSTRONG TO MEET ZIVIC IN RETURN FRIDAY

Fritzie Puts Welter Crown on Block in 15-Rounder at Garden

(The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 12.—Three title matches, with the Fritzie Zivic-Henry Armstrong welterweight bout heading the list, are on this week's national boxing program.

Zivic puts his crown on the block against the man from whom he won his laurels last October. They meet in a 15-rounder Friday night at Madison Square Garden in New York's first championship match of 1941.

Melio Bettina, former light-heavyweight champion from Beacon, N. Y., who lost his crown to Billy Conn, will try to regain it when he meets Anton Christoforidis of Greece in a 15-rounder at Cleveland tomorrow night. The National Boxing Association is recognizing the winner as champion since it took Conn's title away from him for not defending it over a period of six months.

Third of the titular affairs will be the bantamweight match at Philadelphia tomorrow night in which Lou Salica of New York will defend his crown against Tommy Forte of Philadelphia.

Buddy Baer, heavyweight contender from Sacramento, Cal., slugs it out with Eddie Blunt of New York in a 10-rounder at Oakland, Cal., Wednesday, and Mike Kaplan, welterweight contender from Boston, tackles Tony Ferrara of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., in an eight-round bout here Tuesday.

The program:

Monday—At New York, Antonio Fernandez, Chile, vs Andre Jesserun, New York, welterweights, 8; Joe Bashora, Puerto Rico, vs Jay Macedon, Orange, N. J., middleweights, 8. At Cleveland, Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y., vs Anton Christoforidis, Greece, middleweights (15 for N. B. A. light-heavy title); Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, vs Willie Pavlovich, New York, light-heavyweights, 8. At Philadelphia, Lou Salica (bantamweight champ), New York, vs Tommy Forte, Philadelphia, bantamweights (15 for title). At Providence, R. I., Everette Rightmire, Sioux City, Ia., vs Leo Rodak, Chicago, lightweights, 10. At Chicago, Gene Ward, Chicago, vs Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Ont., lightweights, 10. At Newark, N. J., Freddie "Red" Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J., vs Norman Rubio, Albany, N. Y., welterweights, 10. At San Francisco, Pat Valentino, San Francisco, vs Tommy Martin, London, England, heavyweights, 10. At Baltimore, Georgie Abrams, Washington, vs Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn., welterweights, 10. At Washington, D. C., Wild Bill McDowell, Houston, Tex., vs Joey Spangler, Washington, welterweights, 10.

Tuesday—At Jersey City, Norment Quarles, Richmond, Va., vs Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, lightweights, 8. At New Haven, Conn., Irish Eddie Dolan, Waterbury, Conn., vs Jimmy Bell, New Haven, welterweights, 8. At White Plains, N. Y., Pete de Ruza, Mamaroneck, vs Victor Dellicurti, New York, welterweights, 8. At New York, Tony Ferrara, Mount Vernon, N. Y., vs Mike Kaplan, Boston, welterweights, 8.

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Thursday—At Baltimore, Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, vs Maxie Shapiro, New York, featherweights, 10. At Philadelphia, Paul Lee, Indianapolis, vs Bobby Green, Philadelphia, featherweights, 8.

Friday — At New York, Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh (welterweight champ), vs Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, welterweights (15, for title); Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, vs Aaron "Al" Smith, Los Angeles, welterweights, 8. At West Palm Beach, Fla., Carl "Red" Guggino, Hartford, Conn., vs Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn., lightweights, 10. At Hollywood, Cal., Pete Lello, Gary, Ind., vs Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, lightweights, 10. At Columbus, Ohio, Small Montana, San Francisco, vs Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio, flyweights, 10. At Rochester, N. Y., Mike Raffa, Pittsburgh, vs Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa., lightweights, 10; Hughie Smith, Rochester, vs Sammy Secreet, Chicago, welterweights, 6; Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa., vs Angelo Cali, Scranton, Pa., welterweights, 6.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

REFUSED TO TAKE MENTOR'S PICTURE

FEB 22 1941

Paper Changes Policy After Players Send Protest to Publishers.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 20 — "Yellow-Journalism" hit its peak here recently and was unfolded before the unsuspecting public by a team of white college basketball players who resented an insult heaped upon the shoulders of their Negro coach when a photographer of The Long Island Star Journal refused to take his picture because it was against the policy of his paper to include Negroes along with whites.

REFUSED REQUEST

The photographer was sent to take a picture of the Queensbridge varsity basketball team of Long Island for its sports section. When the photographer saw the team's coach, Jeff Goins, was a Negro, he asked the members of the team, all of whom were white, to pose without him. He said it was against the policy of the paper to photograph a Negro with whites.

The shocked members of the team telephoned the Long Island Star-Journal and protested. Later they sent the following letter to the publishers:

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, players of the Queensbridge varsity basketball team, protest the un-American and un-democratic policy of your paper in discriminating against our Negro coach, Jeff Goins, star of the Brooklyn Flashes. FEB 22 1941

Your policy of not photographing a Negro along with the members of our all-white team is not the American policy of sportsmanship and fair play which we value over publicity. That is why we refused to pose for your paper. We further do not believe that on the one hand you can shout for "preserving democracy" on the editorial page while on the sport page you practice outright discrimination.

May we state that we intend publicizing your un-American action until you see fit to realize that the L. I. Star-Journal is still published in the United States and not in the Third Reich.

(Signed) Queensbridge Varsity Basketball Team.
10-25 41st Ave., L. I. C.
Peter Spernanza
Bill DiCarlo
Frank Tempone
Jack Masiello
Joseph Pappetti
Michael DePalma
Lawrence Gasparine
Joe Pagin

Members of the team sent copies of the letter to all New York newspapers and started a campaign to publicize the jim-crow policy of the Star-Journal.

It was learned this week that the paper suddenly changed its policy and agreed to include the Negro coach in the picture.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Here Are Some of Those Negro Aces, Mr. Hertz!

Many Available if Pro Owner Wants to End Grid Jim Crow

By Jack Jules JAN 25 1941

Next year that voice which comes out of your radio as you tune in on a professional football game could say something like this: "Kenny Washington takes the ball in the tailback, there's Bernie Jefferson blocking for him — oh, oh — its a lateral to Sidat Singh—he's fading —it's a pass—Dolly King and Brud Holland are down there for it—its good, its good—King caught it and Holland's running interference."

That could happen—if Douglas C. Hertz, new owner of the New York Yankees professional football team, decides to heed the wishes of fans who want to see the pro Jim Crow ban ended.

Hertz, as reported in yesterday's Daily Worker, said that he had no objection to hiring Negro gridders, although none "fitted into his plans" at the present time.

Determined to build a first-class eleven, however, Hertz could do no better than immediately sign up some of those great Negro gridders along with his possible future Yankees, Tommy Harmon and John Kimbrough. And if he doesn't know where to look for them, the Daily Worker today is listing a number of ranking Negro greats who would strengthen any team. This list does not include the many good Negro players who star on Negro college and semi-pro elevens and never attract the attention of All-American selectors.

Hertz would not have to leave the city to find a great box-office attraction and stellar end. Graduating this week from LIU is an outstanding Negro athlete, a star in basketball and baseball as well as football. Bill (Dolly) King, the greatest athlete in the history of the Long Island College, was good enough to be All-Eastern end last fall.

To team up with him on the other wing we suggest Brud Holland, now football coach at Lincoln College at Chester, Pa., who made most All-American teams when he played with Cornell's Big Red eleven. Holland has kept himself in good physical trim and might be ready to step off the campus for the pro gridiron if properly persuaded.

As reserves Hertz or any other professional owner might hire Woodrow Strode, UCLA end, one of the aces on the coast, and Archie Harris, University of Indiana, second choice for All Big Ten flank man.

A wealth of material among Negro stars is available to make up a remarkable backfield. Headed by triple threat Kenny Washington, one of the greatest players of all time, at fullback, this dream second line could include his swivel - hipped teammate Jackie Robinson, at halfback; Bernie Jefferson, Northwestern's great blocking back of a few years ago, in the opposite slot; and Wilmat Sidat - Singh, Syracuse's accurate forward passer of two seasons ago, at quarter. Robinson is still at school but is no longer eligible to play football; Washington kept in trim by acting as freshman coach at his alma mater, UCLA, and playing pro ball in 1940; and Sidat Singh keeps physically fit by starring for the Rennaisance, great Negro basketball team.

For backfield reserves Hertz could have Walter Johnson, standout halfback at Alfred three years running—he once ran a kickoff back 100 yards—and Tom Johnson, halfback at Springfield college in Mass. who keeps physically fit by working at the Harlem Youth Center.

New Republic
New York, N. Y.

Homage for Henry Armstrong

Amid the planetary turmoil of our world, there was a man and a welterweight match at Madison Square Garden last week that gave us heart and cheer. We mean Henry Armstrong, the Negro fighter, who ended his fighting career in a blaze of glory when he went down to defeat a second time at the hands of the champion, Fritzie Zivic. Armstrong didn't fight at all well; he was the shadow of his former self. Yet a crowd of more than 23,000 thronged Madison Square Garden to see the bout, and although defeated once by Zivic, he went into the ring odds-on favorite. And although he is a Negro, and Negroes have not always fared well at the hands of our fight fans, Armstrong was the hero of the evening, and was cheered even by those who lost money on him. For he has shown courage and integrity, a rare combination in the fight game as they are a rare combination in that larger fight game we call international power politics. Once the holder of three championships, he has never feared to risk them and has always given everything he had. In his first fight with Zivic he went to the end although he was blinded halfway through it. In his second fight he pleaded several times with the referee to be allowed to go on. Democracy has had many definitions. But sometimes democracy may be a nation of run-of-the-mine people taking to their hearts a Negro fighter, battered and blinded, and the victor even in defeat.

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Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Borican To Try For Double In Indoor Track

MAR 4 1941

By BILL BONI
Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, March 3.—The Knights of Columbus track meet, which tries to furnish an added fillip for the climax of each Madison Square Garden indoor track campaign, has come up with another for Saturday night. Big John Borican will try for a double at 600 and 1,000 yards.

The last time the "Casey" meet had a man try for a double was three years ago, with Glenn Cunningham. Nine days after Glenn had run his classic 4:04.4 mile at Dartmouth, he came into New York prepared to try for victory in the Columbian mile and the 600. MAR 4 1941

He almost made it. He won the mile in 4:07.4, which still stands as the indoor record for a scratch race. An hour later he was beaten two yards by Jim Herbert in the 600, and Herbert had to run what then was record time—1:11.1—to do it.

Borican will do it the other way around. He will meet Herbert, Charlie Beetham, Jack Campbell of Fordham and either John Quigley of Manhattan or Charles O'Donnell of Holy Cross in the 600 at 9:30 p.m., and at 10:30 will run the 1,000, for which he is the record-holder, against Jim Kehoe of Washington, D. C., Lynn Radcliffe of Syracuse, Dick Belya of Penn and several others.

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Because physical differences make each man's shot-putting style his own, Al Blozis' record-breaking form is strictly individual. But in the discus he patterns himself after Ken Carpenter, the Californian who won the last Olympic title. Carpenter told Al last Summer that this process should add 10 or 12 feet to his throws.

"Maybe he was just trying to get a customer," says Blozis, "but anyway, I bought his book and now I study it all the time."

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

32 SURVIVORS TO BATTLE ON 24 BOUT CARD

Menchaca and Dade Defend Titles.

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Golden Glove Facts

EVENT — Semi-finals and finals of 14th annual Golden Gloves tournament. MAR 7 1941

PLACE—Chicago Stadium, 1800 West Madison street.

TIME—First bout 8 o'clock; doors open at 7 p. m.

CONTESTANTS—Thirty-two survivors of a field of 23,000 amateur boxers of 23 states.

NUMBER OF BOUTS—Twenty-four [sixteen semi-finals and eight finals.]

WEIGHTS—All weight divisions.

BOXERS' INSTRUCTIONS — Report in Stadium between 12 and 2 p. m. for weighing and physical examination.

PAIRINGS—By lot a 2 p. m.

TICKETS — Five thousand general admission tickets at 50 cents go on sale at Gate 1, 3, and 6 of the Stadium at 8 o'clock.

RADIO BROADCAST — W-G-N and Mutual system from 10 p. m. to 11:30 p. m.

MAR 7 1941

BY HOWARD BARRY.

The Golden Gloves tournament, one of the most highly competitive events in the entire realm of sport, will reach its climax tonight with 16 semi-final and 8 final bouts before a crowd which will fill every seat in the Stadium—the world's largest indoor arena. Eight boys will emerge successful from a struggle in which 23,000 have engaged during the last two months.

Miniature golden gloves, diamond studded, will be the material awards for the champions—and with these prizes will go the acclaim fitting to fighters who have succeeded where so many thousands of others have failed.

They Have Everything to Gain.

Stirred by the tribute of a capacity crowd, the 32 contenders who now remain in the battle are certain to pack a tremendous amount of action into the last night of their campaign. Weeks ago they began their quest in the various Golden Glove centers which stretch from the Alleghenies to the Rockies and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. Newspapers and one radio station in 43 towns coöperated with Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., in the sponsorship of eliminations. Now these 32 survivors stand within striking distance of their goal—but only eight will attain it. MAR 7 1941

Among the semi-finalists are two defending champions—Harold Dade of Chicago and Richard Menchaca of Fort Worth, Tex. There also are new stars such as Tom Procter of Oklahoma City, Jack Haley of Kansas City, and Charley Hayes of Detroit. The field is strengthened further by a number of veterans of Golden Gloves competition who fell short of championships in their previous quests but who have come up more dangerous than ever this time.

The Invasion Is On.

All day yesterday squads were coming into Chicago from the 15 out of town centers which still have representation in the tournament. Menchaca arrived by plane with his two Fort Worth teammates, Morris Corona and Jesse Gonzalez. The Cleveland group, consisting of Paul Carbetta, George Horne Jr., Clint Conway, and Allen Aubrey got here in time for an afternoon workout in Trafton's gymnasium.

The boys from the nearer centers, such as Gary and South Bend, will come up tomorrow just in time for the weighing and physical examinations at noon. The semi-final pairings will be made by lot at 2 o'clock this afternoon. MAR 7 1941

It's a Colorful Show.

The performance in the Stadium tonight will be marked by the pageantry which has come to be a colorful part of Golden Glove shows. After the last semi-final bout the arena will be darkened. Then spotlights will pick out four Boy Scouts, one in each corner of the ring, each carrying a flag.

While these representatives of American youth stand in their places three representatives of America's armed forces—a soldier, a sailor, and a marine—will enter the ring. The soldier will raise a bugle to his lips and play "To the Colors" while a huge American flag is raised.

Then Al Melgard will strike up the Stadium organ and Umberto R. Marchese, operatic tenor soloist from the Holy Name cathedral choir, will lead the chorus of 21,000 Golden Gloves boxing fans in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Chicago Still Has Six.

Altho Chicago went into the Tournament of Champions last week with the same numerical representation as all the other 43 centers—one fighter in each weight class—this city still has six of its eight boys left in the battle. The next best showing is Cleveland with four. Kansas City and Fort Worth have three each. Des Moines, Detroit, Moline, and Oklahoma City each has two. Seven other towns have landed only one representative in the semi-finals. These are Gary, Peoria, St. Louis, Grand Rapids, South Bend, Streator, Fort Wayne, and Kenosha. MAR 7 1941

The eight champions will gain an additional honor—the right to represent Chicago in the intercity Golden Glove matches with New York in the Stadium on March 26. The other eight places on the team will be left to the discretion of the coaches, so even those who lose tonight may get a chance for intercity competition if they fight well enough to impress those who lose tonight may get a chance for intercity competition if they fight well enough to impress those in charge of the selections.

Tonight's runners-up will receive miniature silver gloves, studded with emeralds.

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New York, N. Y.

7 Negroes on Gloves Squad

MAR 14 1941

Negroes hold seven of the eight places on the Golden Gloves Squad that will battle the All-West team at Chicago March 26.

Only one white boy—15-year-old Lester McGowan of Buffalo—won through to a title Wednesday night before 14,114 fans in Madison Sq Garden.

The sensational showing by the traditionally underprivileged Negro youths came as Philadelphia captured the team title with 21 points. MAR 14 1941

Henry Allen, Philadelphia Negro won the heavyweight title after a free-slugging tilt with Tim Still Newark Negro. Diogenes Leon, 112-pound New York Negro, registered the first of two knockouts in the finals when he stopped another Negro, Ralph McNeil of Newark, in the first round after flooring him five times.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Negro Fistic Meet To Open On Wednesday

MAR 23 1941

Statewide Tourney Will Draw Amateur Glovemen From Many Sections

With another large field of Negro amateur fighters throwing mittens for Alabama championship medals the third annual fistic jamboree under direction of Negro Boys Club opens Wednesday night at Smithfield Auditorium.

The three-day event, to be sponsored again by The Birmingham News-Age-Herald in conjunction with Golden Gloves Committe, Inc., this year looms as bigger than ever. Plans are being made on a larger scale than for any of the previous meets. MAR 23 1941

Supt. E. Q. Adams, of Negro Boys Club, who will be in charge of the tournament, and L. S. Gaillard, club president, have been working on various details in the pre-tournament promotional setup.

Representatives in many sections of the city are working on a campaign to get an entry of the best talent in this section for the meet. Several letters have come in over the last few weeks asking about the tournament and a number of ringsters are expected from others parts of Alabama.

A number of champions and runnersup from last year's tournament will be in the mill again seeking more titles.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Borican, Ellerbe, Tarrant, East Boost Stock Of Negro Colleges

MAR 10 1941

By MABLE KOUNTZE

BOSTON—(ANP)—Mozell Ellerbe of Tuskegee, Leo Tarrant of Alabama State and Tommy East of Cheyney Teachers have happily come along in the same era to utterly disprove much of the inferiority charges leveled at sepia schools of the nation.

But all these gentlemen, among others, owe their national opportunity and consequent fame to Negro college pioneers of the 1936 Eastern Olympic tryouts staged here in Harvard stadium.

DENIED AT FIRST

Southern A. A. U. athletes were flatly refused a chance to compete in the Dixie trials for the 1936 Olympic team and colored colleges especially were rated inferior. Nevertheless William J. Bingham and other Harvard and New England officials, backed by suggestions of many sports minded New Englanders, including the writer, saw to it that our colleges were invited to compete in the 1936 Eastern sectional try-outs.

The pioneers of the present brownskin brigade included a trio who caused no little comment five years ago. They were a Morgan College freshman, Wellington Ross; a St. Augustine powerhouse, Rozia Singletary; and an All-American Va. State, halfback of seemingly over-rated CIAA. track who ran about every event and won most of them in the CIAA. This boy's name was Johnny Borican but nobody knew much about him in Boston in '36.

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EARLY FAME IN HURDLES

Borican's early fame was in the 400 meter hurdles and he surprised by qualifying for the finals, as he came home third behind Glen Hardin after doing a 53.4 trial heat, the fastest of them all. Rozia Singletary looked good with a 21.5 200 meter dash trial, the second fastest in the two day try-outs. And young Ross, a former Newwark prep star forced the favored 200 meter sprinter, Rodenkirchems, to a 21 second flat. Well, when the boys returned home (whatever happened to Singletary?) the colored college track coaches got a brand new outlook on life.

SIAC PRODUCES FLOCK

Olympian Ralph Metcalfe no sooner became connected with Xavier university, then he began to plot to send Gold Rush athletes to the big major title meets and Ralph was, I believe, the first to send a sizeable modern team to Boston and New York for crack indoor competition. The Southern conference scored again with Ellerbe of Tuskegee and Tarrant of Alabama State, both now definitely indoor track threats. And now comes Cheyney with Tommy East to form a trio of formidable indoor sprinters. MAR 10 1941

But the big boy who first zoomed colored college stock to a new high in 1936 is still in there paving the way. YOU'LL never be able to take this honor way from the Virginia State Trojan who began here as a hurdler and has since run about everything up to and including the mile. Borican is not just an honor unto himself. He has brought honor to Negro college athletics.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

MAR 9 1941

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Constitution Staff Photo—Bill Wilso

GIT SOME LUCK, GENTS—Groundskeeper Jones Bell, who looks after things in the Cracker training camp in St. Augustine, Fla., is letting three pitchers have a little of his personal luck before starting off the day's training chores. Left to right, rubbing the dusky head, are Wayman Kerksieck, Allyn Stout and Emil Lochbaum.

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TUAA Joins In Condemning NYU's Jim Crow Policy

Labor Sports Group Calls Action Undemocratic

JAN 1 3 1941

The Trade Union Athletic League Saturday condemned the confessed Jim Crow policy of New York University in a resolution passed unanimously. The resolution said:

"The Trade Union Athletic Association condemns the undemocratic violation of the rights of Negro athletes at New York University to take part in all games. The banning of basketball player Jim Coward, coming on the heels of the Jim Crowing of football player Len Bates, should call for the condemnation of every sports loving American. The Trade Union Athletic Association, on whose teams Negro and white play in fraternal brotherhood, supports the overwhelming majority of NYU students in the fight to end the Jim Crow policy that shames their University."

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Alabama Students Condemn Jim Crow Sports Policy of NYU

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New York University's policy in the case of Jim Coward, ineligible Negro cager, was castigated by 73 students yesterday from a school as far South as the University of Alabama.

The students' resolution, which was sent to the NYU Council for Student Equality, stated that "We, the students of the University of Alabama, deplore the fact that NYU follows a policy of racial discrimination by disqualifying Jim Coward, Negro student at NYU, from the basketball team because two Southern games are on the schedule. Here at Alabama, we have always looked to NYU as a liberal Northern school, as a leader in breaking down discrimination."

NYU students fighting Coward's ineligibility point to the fact that students and coaches from such Southern universities as North Carolina and Georgetown, which are on the Violet schedule this month, have joined Alabama undergraduates in asking that Coward be taken South. Although NYU authorities assert that Coward's "ineligibility" is due to scholastic reasons, they admit that even if he were "eligible" they would Jim Crow him from Southern competition.

The Daily Worker
New York N. Y.

'My Name Is Jim Coward'

JAN 1 3 1941

By Jack Jules

I play for a college
With a liberal name
It's a temple of knowledge
With a great Hall of Fame.

Basketball's the game
And I play it good.
Jim Coward's my name
Have you understood?

My set shot's a beauty
I pass like a pro
To play is my duty.
How? I'd like to know.

I'm just like the others
I fit in the attack.
It's just like we're brothers
Except that I'm black.

And that is the reason
I'm being held back.
I'm barred for this season
Because I am black.

The Civil War's won
And slavery's through
Yet in 1941
This is NYU.

Let's all get together
And let the world know
That this is bad weather
For Badger's Jim Crow

Let's all send a letter
Sign a petition
So that there'd better
Be no repetition.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW RULES TO SPEED UP GAME, SAYS ABBOTT

JAN 1 8 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Jan. 16—The final meeting for the year 1940 of the Football Coaches and Officials Association was held in the Alumni Association headquarters Friday. Organized in 1927 by Cleve L. Abbott as president, and R. S. Darnaby as secretary, the organization has met each week during the regular football playing season for a discussion and an interpretation of the rules.

In discussing the new rules Coach Abbott said he thought the changes would speed up the game and in some respects would make it easier on the officials. Also the public probably would have a chance to see how good some of the coaches can quarterback because the new substitution rule will give them frequent opportunities to send in information. However, contrary to opinion expressed by some coaches there will not be a stream of substitutes going in and coming out of the game; as it is believed the rule covering when a substitute may enter the game has not been changed. This rule is that substitutions may be made without penalty only when time is out and the time is not necessarily out after each play when the ball is declared dead by the referee.

Those present at the meeting and participating in the discussions were: Cleve L. Abbott, who presided; Edward H. Adams, Ernest T. Bailey, R. A. Mundy, Guy R. Trammell, Sgt. John D. Patton, James H. McCarthy, Charles G. Bevans, James A. Johnson, J. Julius Flood, Capt. Frank L. Drye, Richard B. Collins, William L. Dawson, Capt. Walter J. Love, Henry C. Harrison and R. S. Darnaby.

Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser
January 12, 1941

Tuskegee Slates Football Games

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Jan. 11—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute will play a schedule of nine games during the 1941 football season, it was announced here today by the committee on the regulation of athletics.

Lincoln University, Chester County, Penn., will return to the Tigers' schedule for a game which will be played in the Alumni Bowl at the institute, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 15. Lincoln men from all sections of the South are expected to come to Tuskegee for this game which has been announced as Tuskegee's Homecoming occasion. The occasion also affords an opportunity for members of the Lincoln almuni to hold a regional meeting at Tuskegee at this time. Tuskegee and Lincoln met in 1926 and in 1927, and again in 1931. Lincoln's appearance at the institute will be one of the high spots on the Tigers' home schedule.

Tuskegee will open its schedule at the institute, on Friday, Sept. 26, playing the Gold Rush team of Xavier University.

The annual Tuskegee-State Teachers College classic is scheduled for Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 20. The Teachers' football prestige and record will attract to Montgomery, football fans from all over the South and from many other sections of the country.

The 1941 football schedule follows: Sept. 26—Tuskegee Institute vs. Xavier University at Tuskegee; Oct. 4—Morris Brown College at Atlanta; Oct. 10—Wilberforce University at Chicago (Night); Oct. 18—Benedict College at Tuskegee; Oct. 24—Morehouse College at Columbus (Night); Nov. 1—South Carolina State College at Orangeburg; Nov. 8—Knoxville College at Tuskegee; Nov. 15—Lincoln University (Penn.) at Tuskegee (Homecoming); Nov. 20—Alabama State Teachers College at Montgomery.

The Daily Worker
New York. N. Y.

Would Sign Right Player, Hertz Tells Daily Worker

Has "None in Mind" Right Now, He Says —Tried for Kenny Washington Last Year—Sees New League Developing

JAN 24 1941

By Bill Newton

The New York Yankees professional football team would not hesitate to sign Negro players if any were available who fitted into Douglas C. Hertz' plans for rebuilding the club, the Yankees' wealthy new owner told the Daily Worker yesterday.

Although Hertz declared that the Yankees, New York's American League professional team, had no Negro grid stars in view at the present time who "would fit into our plans," he blasted Jim Crow in sports.

"A man's color would have nothing to do with my hiring policy," he said. "I believe that Negroes have as much right as white boys to play professional football."

Both the American and National professional grid leagues still maintain an unwritten Jim Crow policy in the face of fan resentment. They're said to be waiting for the major baseball loops to take the first step against Jim Crow. If Hertz, a shrewd businessman, were to hire a few Negro grid greats, it would be a heavy blow at discrimination.

Having indicated his plans to make the Yankees an "All-American eleven at every position" in 1941 by offering spectacular contracts to Tommy Harmon and Johnny Kimbrough, Hertz not only could smash at discrimination but help his team's drawing power as well by signing Negroes for this fall's game.

The Yankees almost obtained the services of Kenny Washington, UCLA's great Negro back, for the 1940 season. Kenny, now UCLA freshman coach, was offered a contract by the club's former owners. He evidently was not satisfied with the terms, according to Hertz, for he turned them down. Although Hertz, admitted that the Yankees had been interested in the Negro All-American on the basis of Kenny's drawing power, he said that he had no definite plans at present to again contact Washington.

We suggest a few Negro Stars for Mr. Hertz's Consideration

Hertz, whose Yankees finished fourth in the "new" American League's first season in 1940, has big ideas for the club's future, however, and it is possible that he may soon hire some Negro gridders despite his denial of such plans. The pro elevens are fairly careful to avoid compromising the eligibility of college athletes still in competition by premature announcements.

His $37,000 offer to Kimbrough, his $17,500 offer to Harmon, and his efforts to obtain the services of several 1940 grid greats bear out Hertz' declaration that he expects "the Yankees to finish first in 1941"—provided the draft or a war doesn't intervene. If Hertz could obtain the services of such stars Washington, that would make his club's chances that much brighter.

Eventually he believes by the way, the American League will become such a serious rival of the dominant National loop that "a world series will be inevitable."

"That will be the making of professional football," said Hertz.

He predicted that the American League might come in on the proposal of the National to establish a "czar" for most professional leagues—but only as an equal. The N. L. plan calls for all other divisions to be subordinated to the National. Hertz' efforts to build up the Yankees, and the plans of American League owners to move into the big time with a "draft" similar to the National's method, make a real fight likely in pro ball if N. L. owners attempt to "outlaw" or subordinate their prospective major rival.

Bill Hutchinson, James Monroe High School and Dartmouth graduate, was the backfield star of the Yankees last fall. The club performed in the Stadium. Jack McBride, ex-Dodger back, was coach, **and Hertz said he plans to retain him.**

TOMORROW

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Armstrong Leaves A Great Legacy

JAN 25 1941

THE most colorful fighter in ring history has passed from the scene of action, but in a blaze of glory.

Last Friday night when Fritzie Zivic again proved his mastery over Henry Armstrong, it removed every vestige of doubt that Armstrong had reached the end of the trail. Armstrong bowed out of the fistic picture as only a great champion could, still on his feet and fighting back. During his time he met and defeated men in three of the four weight divisions he fought in.

He reached the peak of boxing perfection by winning and holding three titles simultaneously, featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight, and took an excursion into the middleweight realm when he met and held Ceferina Garcia to a draw in that division.

Armstrong's passing from the fight picture leaves a high mark for future aspirants to shoot at, and a three-titles record that will never be erased from the book, since boxing solons have decreed that a fighter can hold but one division championship at a time hereafter.

Armstrong kept a level head, made wise investments of his ring earnings, and always disported himself as a gentleman. Only two weeks ago, sport dignitaries gathered in New York and tendered high honors to him for rendering outstanding services to boxing in 1940, a fitting climax to the colorful career of the little boxer who rode a freight train out of St. Louis, Mo., several years ago in quest of fame and fortune.

With the exit of Armstrong only Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis remains as the race's outstanding boxing representative. During Armstrong's heydey, when he held three titles, colored boxers dominated five of the eight divisions. Louis held the heavy title and John Henry Lewis the light heavyweight diadem.

The greatest little fighter of all times never lost his equilibrium, maintained a gentlemanly standard in the ring and in private life, and was a credit to a game that hinges on corruption and deception.

While he has returned to the life of the average American citizen, the fame of Henry Armstrong, and his contribution to boxing, will forever remain in the annals of pugilism.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Finder of Henry Armstrong Dies

MAR 14 1941

Los Angeles, March 13 (AP).—Boxing Inspector Tom Cox, credited with discovering Fighter Henry Armstrong, died today. He was 55.

Cox, for seven years an agent of the California athletic commission, coached and trained Armstrong when the little St. Louis Negro first came to Los Angeles to learn boxing.

Cox guided him through numerous amateur bouts, then turned him over to Wirt Ross, veteran manager, who later sold Armstrong's contract to Eddie Mead. Armstrong went on to become the only man ever to hold three world championships simultaneously.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Boxing Tourney Starts Tonight

Negro A. A. U. Meet To Open At College

MAR 19 1941

Boxing teams for the 1941 A. A. U. semi-final regional elimination for colored boxers, being held here at Hornet Gynasium of the State Teachers College beginning tonight at 7:30, began arriving in town early yesterday.

First team to arrive was the Y. M. C. A. team from Memphis, Tenn., under the leadership of Harry Cash, who is an A. A. U. official. Another strong team of four which will be present for the meet is the winning group from the North Carolina tournament which was held last week at Greensboro. Teams from Birmingham and Mobile are expected to arrive early today, along with a group of winners from the Fort McPherson, Ga., tourney.

MAR 19 1941

In addition to the team entries, a number of individual entries, fighting unattached, will round out a full card for the three-day program here. These boys will come from all of the Southern and Southwestern states.

Other A. A. U. officials who will be on hand for the regional tourney will be B. T. Harvey, of Atlanta, Cleve Abbott, of Tuskegee, and Ed Langster, of Mobile.

Plans have been perfected by the local committee of State Teachers College representatives to make the event one well worth seeing. Proper lighting has been provided and commodious provision made to care for the crowds expected to witness the event.

Winners of the tourney will receive free trips to Boston for the national meet, and it is believed by the local management that several winners at the Boston meet will be uncovered during the next three days here.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Armstrong Wins Plaque

DEC 4 1940

NEW YORK, (AP)—For his contributions to boxing in losing as well as winning, Henry Armstrong Tuesday was awarded the Edward J. Neil Memorial trophy which annually honors the memory of the Associated Press boxing writer and war correspondent who was killed in Spain.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

11 Negroes to Final Golden Gloves Bouts

MAR 21 1941

CHICAGO. — When the Inter-City Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is staged here Wednesday, March 26, in the Chicago Stadium, 11 of the 16 champions who go into the ring will be Negroes.

Four will be throwing their fists right and left for Chicago and the West while seven will represent New York and the East.

The four western Golden Gloves title-holders, crowned at the Stadium here March 7, are:

Harold Dade, Chicago, flyweight.

Tommy Campbell, Moline, Ill., lightweight.

Hezzie Williams, Chicago, lightweight.

Allen Aubrey, Cleveland, heavyweight.

The seven eastern champions crowned Wednesday night, March 12, at Madison Square Garden, are:

Diogenes Leon, Puerto Rico, 112-pound class.

Johnny Green, Buffalo.

Charley Burley, Philadelphia, 147-pound class.

Charley Davis, New York, 126-pound class.

Berlie Lanier, Philadelphia, 160-pound class.

Louis Brooks, Philadelphia,

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For instance, Ray Standifer of Kansas City, beaten by Hezzie Williams, Chicago light heavyweight, still has a chance to see action on the final night.

Of course, Williams, because of his championship (he defeated Standifer) has the No. 1 position and unless something goes wrong with his training, he will be the one to meet Louis Brooks, the New York light heavy. But Standifer stands No. 2 and each has 16 members—the eight champions and the eight runners-up who are kept on hand ready to go in the ring if need be.

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Henry Allen, Philadelphia, heavyweight.

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Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

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MAR 30 1941

SAN JUAN, P. R., Mar. 27—Satchel Paige, famed colored speedball pitcher, was fined and given a year's suspension, according to announcement issued here last week by Carlos Garcia Noceda, president of the Puerto Rican Baseball League.

Paige, who has been the league's best drawing card, has been playing for Guayama and was said to have been using dilatory tactics which delayed a game. He was also accused of throwing a ball over an outfielder's head.

The fine was $25 and the suspension is for a year. Since the season ends this week, it is not likely that either will cause Paige any undue hardship.

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Norfolk, Virginia

Voorhees Wins SAAC Court Tourney Again

MAR 29 1941

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Playing a steady brand of winning ball, the Voorhees basketball team fought through to victory in 1941 S. A. A. C. basketball tournament.

This makes it two years in succession that Coach Larney Owens has led his charges to the top of the loop. In the finals Saturday night Voorhees tangled with arch rival Haines Institute of Augusta Ga. and won a spectacular victory.

In the lead until a minute or so before whistle time, Voorhees was tied and passed, 37-35, by a raging, rallying Haines ensemble. Here it was that Hank McCollum and Goat Stewart tossed baskets home apiece to put the final score down, 39-37, in Voorhees favor.

Strong of Haines played a brilliant game in defeat and had a total of 15 points. Steward was the Voorhees belwether with 17 markers.

MORRISTOWN NEXT HOST

In an exhibition of play under women's rules, Coulter Junior College won a hard fought game from the Friendship lasses, 16 to 15.

This was the second successful tournament held at Rock Hill under S. A. A. C. banners. Next year Morristown, Tenenssee, will act as host.

Coulter of Cheraw; Clinton and Friendship Colleges of Rock Hill; Haines Institute of Augusta, Georgia; Morristown Junior College of Tennessee and Voorhees N. and I. of Denmark, S. C. entered quintets in this spirited annual tournament.

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Storrs Boxing Official

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RICHMOND—The appointment of Ellworth R. Storrs as the first colored boxing inspector for the Virginia Boxing Commission, was announced here this week by Secretary Joseph Bauers of the commission. Mr. Storrs' duties will be to represent the commission at all amateur boxing matches and exhibitions and enforce the rules of the State as to fees, condition of fighters and inspect arrangements under which the contests are staged.

Mr Storrs is well known here for his interest in boys activities and is vice-president and chairman of the boys' work committee of the YMCA; vice-president, chairman of boys' work committee and a member of the budget committee of the Colored Recreation Association, a member of the budget committee of the Colored Recreation Association, a member agency of the Richmond Community Fund; chairman of troop committee of Troop 78, Boy Scouts of America; a merit badge counsellor of the Boy Scouts; president Douglas Finance Corporation and president of the Red Circle Cooperative Store.

Mr. Storrs announced that the first ring contests of the season here will be held Saturday, April 5, at the Community Gymnasium, St. Paul and Charity Streets. In this contest the boxers of the Southern Regional teams participating in the National A. A. U. Championships at Boston, will meet members of the local Recreation team.

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These boys from Atlanta will be on their return trip South and will stop here for the local tournament. The Richmond pugs are putting in extra time at the gym, preparing to give the Southern boys a royal welcome, the managers stated yesterday.

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Ellsworth R. Storrs, well known social and civic worker of Richmond, who has been appointed one of the boxing inspectors for the Virginia Boxing Commission.

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Colored Lads Dominate '40 Golden Gloves

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Nine Bronzed Aces Punch Out Championships

CHICAGO (ANP) — Nine bronze boxers jabbed and slugged their way to victory in the 14th annual Intercity Golden Gloves championships between this city and New York before nearly 20,000 spectators at the Chicago stadium Wednesday won by Chicago, 10 to 6. Negroes so completely dominated the event this year that of the 32 contestants in the 16 bouts, 22 were colored.

In this show, the champions of both cities meet each other. The remaining eight bouts are between those named by the coaches of each team from a selected squad of outstanding Tournament of Champion entrants. A victory in the three round bout counts one point for the winner's city.

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The first four fights on the card were all-colored affairs. In the 112 pound class, Eugene Joyce of Chicago whipped Gus Levine of New York and Diogenes Leon of New York decisioned Harold Dade of Chicago. Light-heavyweight Danny Cox of New York defeated Ray Standifer of Chicago and Hezzie Williams of Chicago drubbed Louis Brooks of New York.

First white fighters to appear were Chicago's two featherweights, Phil Brown and Jack Haley, who got the nod over Robert McQuillian and Charles Davis of New York. The Windy City's 147 pounders, Morris Corona and Robert Burns, also white, were victors in mixed matches over Eddie Saunders and Charley Burley of the East.

The lightweight bouts also presented an all-colored cast with Willie Smith and Johnny Green of Manhattan defeating Emmett Grier and Tommy Campbell of Illinois. A white boy, John Vetcher of New York, then broke into the picture only to lose to Al Jordan of Chicago whose other heavyweight, Clayton Worlds, was decisioned by Timothy Still of Gotham.

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The lone all-white bout of the evening took place in the 118 pound class after Ray Brown trounced Johnny Aiello, white, of New York. It was between Richard Menchaca, Mexican representing Chicago, and Lester McGowan, New York Irish lad, with Menchaca winning.

The evening's lone knockout occurred when Robert Satterfield, middleweight of Chicago, was counted out in the first round after going down three times from powerful rights thrown by Al Tribuani, white. The final fray was between Berlie Lanier of New York and Charles Hayes, white, with the Chicago middleweight taking the verdict.

Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tennessee

TWO-MILE MARK FALLS TO COCHRAN AND KANE

APR 27 1941

Hoosier Stars Play Biggest Part In Creating Record

M'MITCHELL RUNS WELL

Clicks Off 4:09.4 Mile And Helps New York University On Mile Relay Team—One Other Record

APR 27 1941

By BILL BONI
Associated Press Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—Short-legged Roy Cochran and stork-legged Campbell Kane co-operated perfectly Saturday to bring the University of Indiana the major share of the spoils on the concluding program of the two-day Penn Relay Carnival.

Running in the order named, they first helped create the day's only major record, 7 minutes 41.1 seconds for the two mile relay, a then returned in reverse order the climatic mile relay to gain a eight yard victory over New York U., and North Texas Teachers in a thrilling 3:16.4.

Seconds To Violets

But for two days the flying Hoosiers had to take second place to N.Y.U., the Violets, who had won the sprint and distance medleys Friday on brilliant anchor-leg performances by Leslie MacMitchell, got a 4:09.4 mile from their 20 year old champion this afternoon and therewith won the four mile title in 17:29.8.

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Mac Mitchell did his best to bring the New oYrkers that would have been an epic grand slam. In addition to his mile, the fastest ever run at Franklin Field and one that won him a tremendous hand for the crowd of 30,000 as he made up a 30 yard deficit in the final lap and got 12 yards besides, Les ran anchor on the mile team.

Runs Fine Quarter

For a lad who rarely has run the quarter, he acquitted himself handsomely with a 48.3 clocking. But Cochran, the Indiana anchor, had the lead as he took the baton at the gun and turned in a 48.1 quarter himself.

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There aws only one other meet record in a championship event. That went to Northeast High School of Philadelphia, which, got a 1:58.5 anchor half from Captain Karl Oerth in winning the high school two mile in 8:11.9, two and eight tenths seconds under the former mark. Catholic U., of Washington, repeating in the Mason Dixon Conference mile, ran 3:26.2 to lower its own 3:28.3 set in the inaugural of this event a year ago.

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Texans Win At Half Mile

The day's main event competition began in the morning, when North Texas State Teachers beat Navy six yards to take the half mile final in 1:27 after having hit 1:26.5 in winning its heat.

The four mile opened the afternoon show and found Indiana making what proved to be a smart move in holding out Kane for the two later races. The Hoosiers ran to a 30 yard lead going into the final leg, but MacMitchell cut that down by 10 yards in his first three laps, then let loose with a 57.2 finish that overhauled Wayne Tolliver as they went into the home stretch and beat him 12 yards from there to the tape.

Cochran ran a 1:55.1 half and Kane 1:54.6 on the way to Indiana's two mile record, in which Paul Kendall and Tolliver led off for the Big Ten boys. In the mile the fractional times were 50 seconds flat for Bob Burnett on the leadoff leg and Kane on the third, 48.3 for Marcellus Jenkins on the second, and Cochran's closing and winning 48.1.

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Tuskegee Wins

Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute took the Teachers College mile in 3:27.3; Colgate the Class "B" college mile in 3:18.4 only two-tenths off the record; Georgetown's National A. A. U. indoor champions the freshman title in 3:19 flat, only one-tenth off the meet mark, and Lieut. John Woodruff, 1936 Olympic 800 meter champion, ran a 49.5 anchor as his 369th Coast Artillery team from Fort Ontario, N .Y., won a service team special in 3:29.5.

The individual events developed one upset in the victory of Welby Williams of North Texas over Barney Ewell of Penn State and Bill Carter of Pitt in the 100 yard dash in 9.8 seconds. Only double winner was Don Blount, of Dartmouth, I.C.4.A. indoor broad and high jump champion who won his specialties at 24 feet 1/8 inch, and 6 feet 3 inches, respectively.

Bystander
Des Moines, Iowa

Negro Headliners to Be Scarce at Drake Relays

APR 17 1941

By Allen Ashby

Looks as if the law of averages has finally caught the Negro athletes at the Drake Relays next weekend. After years of dominating the relays, it seems that sepians will play a minor role this year. At this writing we can't think of a single Negro of national prominence who will be here. There are a few who will be with Marquette, the Kansas Teacher's College of Pittsburgh and Emporia, Northwestern, Indiana and a few other schools, but the time when Negroes were the feature attractions appears to have passed for the time being. Barney Ewell of Penn State, who gave us a pleasant surprise by winning the century dash last year, probably won't be here, and neither will any of the other headliners. In fact, this seems to be a bad year for Negro thin clads all over the country. Our hurdlers and broad jumpers are no longer supreme as they were a few years ago. And with the pendulum swinging back the other way, we haven't heard so much about the peculiar shape of the Negroes' feet or legs being responsible for his track victories. The critics said everything except that those particular boys Metcalf, Owens and Tolan, could just naturally run faster and jump farther than any boy of any other race.

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We are hoping for our usual quota of Negro colleges: Lincoln U. of Jefferson City, Western U. of Kansas City and Xavier and Prairie View. Maybe Tuskegee will send up a few boys. We would surely like to see their national championship girl team, but our local relays don't have girl events. Talking with several of the boys from Negro schools, we found that one of their chief objections to coming to the Drake Relays is the almost complete lack of anything to do but be on exhibition. The boys would like to be made to feel at home and shown around not as curiosities or visiting freaks but just in a friendly sort of way. Yep, it looks bad for the Negroes at the Drake Relays.

The spring sports program has begun to show its head after a hard run by basketball and boxing. Art McCune is holding down an outfield post for North High, and the track boys are chasing each other merrily or not so merrily around a cinder covered oval. In spite of the war, draft and what not, it looks like a big year for summer games. The golfers are taking practice swings and getting that wild gleam in their eyes. Maybe we will have a city golf meet this year. The tennis players are beginning to replay last year's matches and will soon be out to see what can be done about it. It is too early to make a prediction, but one of the boys from Trotter's softball teams told yours truly that this collection of misfit castoff old married men was thinking about defending their league championship. Our guess is that the gang will come apart at the seams before the year is over.

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The baseball picture is a hard one to figure out, Tevis Jaco, whose baseball knowledge we place second to none in the city, says that he would like to have a team of youngsters, real youngsters, plus Bob Vanderer for his hustle and fight, and he would tell all the old timers to go jump in the lake. He mentioned just a few. Jimmy Payne, Mel Madison, Guy Jackson and some others we can't recall just now. Jaco laments along with us the fact that young ball players were frozen out of the only place where they might develop; the Y league. Instead of getting players to develop, everyone got all the old timers so they could win, and rookies were either laughed out of the league or just cut out. So today young ball players are scarcer than Chinese merchants in Japan.

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It came to us in a round-about way, but we heard that Chet Brewer, former local pitcher who made good has a son followin in his dad's footsteps. Now sixteen or seventeen, Chet Junior is said to have pitched some great games on the Pacific coast.

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By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—It was the greatest exhibition of pugilistic talent the colored race had ever staged . . . and for the white contenders in the finals of the All-Eastern Golden Gloves Championships in Madison Square Garden last Wednesday night, it was much too much.

The sepia-hued brigade, winners of city tournaments in such far-flung centers as Philadelphia, New York and Buffalo, packed too much energy, too much ambition, too much science and too much power. The result—the greatest sweep for Negroes in the 15-year history of the Golden Gloves and a vitual strangle-hold on the all-east team which will meet an all-west outfit in Chicago March 26. Our athletes garnered seven out of eight first places on the team.

Years ago, when the Golden Gloves was still in an embryonic stage, it was considered a distinction when a single colored entrant made the all-east team. This year the procedure is entirely reversed, and the distinction of being the only white boy to make the team goes to Lester McGowan, a 15-year-old Buffalo, N. Y., bantamweight. McGowan drew a white opponent in the finals and pounded out a three round decision for the crown. His opponent was Warren Dean, of Richmond, Va.

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There were instances in which colored athletes, having eliminated all the whites, were forced to fight each other for the various titles. In one of these bouts, Henry Allen of Philadelphia won the heavyweight title after a free-slugging match with Tim Still of Newark, N. J.

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Diogenes Leon, 112 pound Harlemite, was bracketed with Newark's Ralph McNeil in another all-colored bout and was able to dispatch his opponent in the first round after flooring him five times. The only other kayo victor of the evening was Johny Green, 135 pounder from Buffalo, who polished off Joe Vernon of Washington, D. C., in the second round.

The parade of sepia victors included Charles Davis, New York, 126; and Lou Brooks, Philadelphia, 175. With such a wealth of talent, it hardly needs to be added that Philadelphia won the team title.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Harvard Will Accept No Bias Towards Own

APR 24 1941

CAMBRIDGE—Harvard will tolerate no discrimination against any of its students in future engagements between the university and other schools.

This was the gist of a statement issued by the Harvard Corporation Monday following the case of Lucien Alexis, Jr., la crosse player, being barred at the Naval Academy.

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The Corporation instructed William H. Bingham, director of athletics, to inform all schools with which Harvard is to have relations of its stand.

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Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

The World's Best Athletes

(AN APOLOGY) MAR 22 1941

Four out of eight of the Western Golden Gloves champions are colored.

On Wednesday night the Eastern finals were held in New York and seven of the East's eight champions are colored and four of them are from Philadelphia.

It takes high courage for the promoters of these contests to exhibit this brand of sportsmanship, and so far they show that they have what it takes.

But this isn't an editorial about boxing, although it appears that all the Golden Glovers are preparing to go after records set by Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis.

We set out to apologize to our readers for having failed to call their attention to champions in another branch of sports.

The dailies are so full of college basketball and the prowess of Long Island University, Seaton Hall, Wisconsin, Baltimore University and professional teams like the Oshkosh, Wisc., National League champs or the Philly Hebrew Sphas, champions of the Eastern American League, that we have overlooked the real No. 1 team in basketball. MAR 22 1941

It is the Harlem Globetrotters, and believe it or not, it is the world's champion professional basketball team with a record of 1964 wins and 138 losses.

This week the Globetrotters are defending their title in Chicago against the seventeen best teams in the United States. They lost one game Tuesday night by one point but the Renaissance team is still in the tournament.

Trying to solve the war puzzles of Europe and the defense problems of this country, we entirely overlooked the prowess of this great aggregation of basketball tossers and hereby painfully acknowledge our error.

And we also forgot to salute the world's best No. 2 basketball team, another New York colored aggregation, the Renaissance five. MAR 22 1941

So, by way of penitence, we assure readers of this column that we shall not again become immersed in national and international affairs to the extent that we fail to stop a minute to cheer for our boys anywhere who qualify as the world's best.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Borican Is Double Winner In Missouri Valley A. A. U.

APR 5 - 1941

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—John Borican, Elborn A.C. of New Jersey, coasted to a win in the 600-yard special in the Missouri Valley A.A.U. indoor track meet at the auditorium here on Monday night, March 24. Borican, former Virginia State athlete, finished 35 yards ahead of his nearest competitor. His time was 1:12, a new meet record.

In the 1,000-yard run, Borican was first. His time was 2:17.

Winston Rodgers, winner of the Chicago Tech relays high jump this month, carried Lincoln university of Jefferson City into a tie with Iowa State college's white Dick Schnacke. The height was 6 feet 5 inches for a new meet record.

Vernon Aikens, Pittsburgh, Kansas, State Teachers college, was second in the 60-yard dash. He ran anchor on the relay team.

Walter Revell, Pittsburgh, Kansas, State Teachers college, was second in the final of the low hurdles. He failed to place in the high hurdles. He was lead-off man on his relay team, which won the one-mile relay event. APR 5 - 1941

Zimmeri Cox, Wichita university dash man, was forced to withdraw from the dash and hurdle events, due to an injured leg muscle. This caused his coach to scratch the Wichita relay team.

In the high school events for Kansas City, Kansas high schools, Jim Thatcher's Sumner high thinclads walked off with the half-mile relay. The runners were Maurice Barksdale, Kenneth Smith, Lewis Smith and Earl Wilson.

Stanley Smith, Western university, was shut out in the semi-final of the junior college 60-yard dash. Leslie Jackson, same school, was left at the start in the final of the 60-yard dash for junior colleges.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Ky. State Host To Midwestern Boxing Meet

APR 1 1941

By A. J. RICHARDS

FRANKFORT, Ky.—(SNS)—Entries have been received from three Midwestern schools for the first boxing tournament, to be held at Kentucky State College Friday and Saturday, April 4-5. Wilberforce University, who will probably rule as favorite, will be represented by the following: Charles Justice and Robert Tucker in the lightweight division; James Hillman, welterweight; Ernest Westbrook and Shelton Bell, middleweight; and Clifton Brown in the heavyweight. APR 1 1941

Lincoln University will send the following: Simon Williams and John Mudd, lightweight; Earl Smith and Roy Cutchlow, welterweight; Robert Fields and either Richard Rice or Ervin Filer, middleweight; Frank Williams and Tony Lawson, heavyweight.

Kentucky State College, the host will be represented by the following: Edward Osborne and James Addis, lightweight; no welterweight entry; William Saunders and Edward Withers, middleweight; Major General Hardin and Melvin Bailey, heavyweight.

No word has been received from West Virginia State College as to its entries, but the college will be represented. Tennessee State College, Philander Smith, and Louisville Municipal will not participate in the tournament. APR 1 1941

College officials are working hard in an attempt to make this, the first conference tournament quite a successful one.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

JOCKO MAXWELL, AMERICA'S ONLY NEGRO SPORTCASTER

APR 19 1941

By WALTER KANER

The distinction of being America's only Negro sportscaster goes to to Jocko Maxwell whose rapid-fire sports commentary is heard during his "Five Star Sports Final" program aired over WWRL, 1600 kilocycles each Saturday evening at 9:45 p. m. WWRL's sports expert first saw the light of day December 18, 1907, in Newark, N. J. He attended Newark schools, being graduated from Newark Central High School in 1928 where he starred on the school's baseball team.

Expressing a yen for sports, and gobbling up every line of sports news, Maxwell after much effort served as sportscaster of the now defunct WNJ Newark, in 1930. A short time later he aired a snappy sports show for WRNY in New York three times per week. Station WHOM in Jersey City liked his interesting sports chatter and signed him as its weekend sports reporter. APR 19 1941

In 1938 Station WWRL of Woodside, New York Cty put out the welcome mat and Jocko Maxwell proceeded to delight the sport fans with a rapid fire sport resume. He's still plugging away. During his 11 years before the microphone Maxwell has interviewed hundreds of premier sport bigwigs including Hank Greenberg, Dolly King, Ben Johnson, Eulace Peacock, Joe Medwick, Bill Stern, Sam Taub, Pinky Higgins, George Selkirk, Mildred O'Donnell, Lorraine Fischer, Mame Brown, Al Mamaux, Sid Luckman, Marty Glickman, Grover Cleveland Alexander and innumerable others.

Besides airing sports, "busy as a bee" sportsminded Maxwell has found time to write a book "Thrills and Spills In Sports" a condensed account of the sports experiences of the nation's top notch sport stars. He also writes a weekly sports feature for a nationally known midwestern sports magazine.

Maxwell is a resident of East Orange, N. J., stands 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, is devoid of marital ties. Reads ten sport newspapers per day. Smokes a brown briar pipe incessantly. Away from the "mike" he appears unassuming and calm, until he hears the word "sports", then the sky is the limit. Maxwell rates his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter Maxwell, his greatest assets. Dad 's a member of the editorial staff of the Newark Star Ledger. APR 19 1941

Joe Louis and Joe Medwick are Jocko's pet athletes. He insists organized baseball should admit colored American players that can qualify to its ranks. Of his co-workers he rates Sam Balter, Bill Stern and Mel Allen as tops in sportscasters ranks. Maxwell's ambition is to become the best sportscaster in the land and write syndicated sport features. APR 19 1941

His biggest thrill came last autumn when he assisted Don Hill, sports caster of Station WAVE of Louisville, Kentucky in airing the Newark-Louisville, Junior World Series. There is no such word as "can't" in the New Jersey's gentleman's vocabulary. You'll find him firing his streamlined sports chatter into WWRL microphone each Saturday evening at 9:45.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Jean Lane Cracks World Mark In 200 Meter Dash; Quarter Mile Record Also Shattered

APR 18 1941

Hester Brown, Leila Perry Of Atlanta, Georgia, Spark Tuskegee To Victory In 440-Yard Relay; New Record Set

APR 18 1941

ATLANTA CITY, N. J.—Two world records went to colored women athletes, here, Saturday night, as the track lassies of Wilberforce and Tuskegee dominated the National AAU Senior Women's Track and Field Championships over a concrete bowl in the Atlantic City Municipal Auditorium.

Eighteen-year-old Jean Lane, of Wilberforce University, cracked the 200-meter run record, winning the event in spectacular time of 25.1 seconds, which bettered the mark of 25.7 set by Stella Walsh, of the Polish-Olympic Club of Cleveland during the trials in the afternoon.

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Miss Walsh broke her own record of 26.1 in the afternoon trials, but was unable to cope with the marvelous speed of Miss Lane in the final. The Wilberforce color bearer clipped Miss Walsh by two yards. Hester Brown, of Tuskegee was third and Jeanette Jones of Harrisburg, Pa., fourth.

Miss Lane earned a double victory when she breezed off with the 50-meter run in the time of 6.8 seconds.

Another world mark was shattered as Tuskegee's relay quartet, Misses Rowena Harrison, Lucy Newell, Hester Brown and Leila Perry, created a new record in the 400-meter relay with a 50.3 seconds victory.

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The Tuskegee "B" team which placed third in the same event had as its members, Margaret Barnes, Lillie Purifoy, Alice Coachman and Hattie Hall.

Tom East, Cheyney's sprint sensation, carried off the Mayor Thomas D. Taggart, Jr. Trophy with a smashing triumph in the 100-yard dash for men—staged indoors for the first time in track history. The immense side of the auditorium provided enough room for the event, and East's time of 10.1 seconds will go down in the books as a world's record.

Tuskegee Institute retained the Senior Women's Championship title and was awarded the State Senator Frank (Hap) Early Trophy.

Mrs. Christine Evans Petty, coach, was on hand to receive the championship trophy.

Tuskegee girls won three of the five events, besides stepping to victory in the 400-meter relay. Lillie Purifoy captured the 50-meter low hurdle crown in 8.1 seconds; Alice Coachman leaped 5 feet to win the high jump, and Lucy Newell took the standing broad jump with a distance of 8 feet 1 7-8 inches.

In the high jump, Lelia Perry, Tuskegee, was sixth, and in the broad jump, Lillie Purifoy took third. Miss Perry was also fifth in the 50-meter low hurdles.

Other Tuskegee points were registered by Miss Hattie Hall, second in the eight-point shot put; Lucy Newell and Rowena Harrison, third and fourth, respectively, in the 50 meter run.

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Jeanette Jones, the Harrisburg flash, who had to be content with fourth in the longer dash, finished second to Miss Lane in the 50-meter sprint.

designated as alternate fellow with the stipend of $285, which may be used either as a partial fellowship in the event that none of the above fellows declines, or, in the event of a declination, may be supplemented not to exceed $350.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

SMASHES RECORD, WINS 2 EVENTS

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 17—Tuskegee's superlative girls track and field team made a show of the opposition in notching 39 points to win the team prize in the national A. A. U. women's championships here Saturday night. Although the Tigerettes reaped a lion's share of the evening's glory they were forced to take second place in the reckoning of meet heroines to Jane Lane, of Wilberforce who not only sped to victories in the 50 and 200 meter tests but cracked the world's record for the longer event, in the bargain.

In paring the figures down from 26.1 to 25.1, Miss Lane, a junior student and national outdoor champion, beat the famed Stella Walsh, of Cleveland, holder of the old record.

Tuskegee registered three first places—Lillie Purifor in the 50-meter high hurdles; Alice Coleman in the high jump and Lucy Newell in the standing broad jump. It's 400-meter relay foursome of Purifor, Lelia Perry, Rowena Harrison and Newell also ran off with that event.

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In the men's junior national titlefest, run concurrently with the girls' meet, three Negro competitors grabbed titles. They were Elijah Gordon, schoolboy ace from Perth Amboy, N. J., who won the 60-yard high hurdle event in the speedy time of 8.2, and Tom East, Cheyney Teachers' College flash who won the 60-yard dash crown in 0.06.5 and the 100-yard dash in 10.1. Tom Norman and Johnny Grant were key men as Overbrook High school's half-mile foursome copped that relay event.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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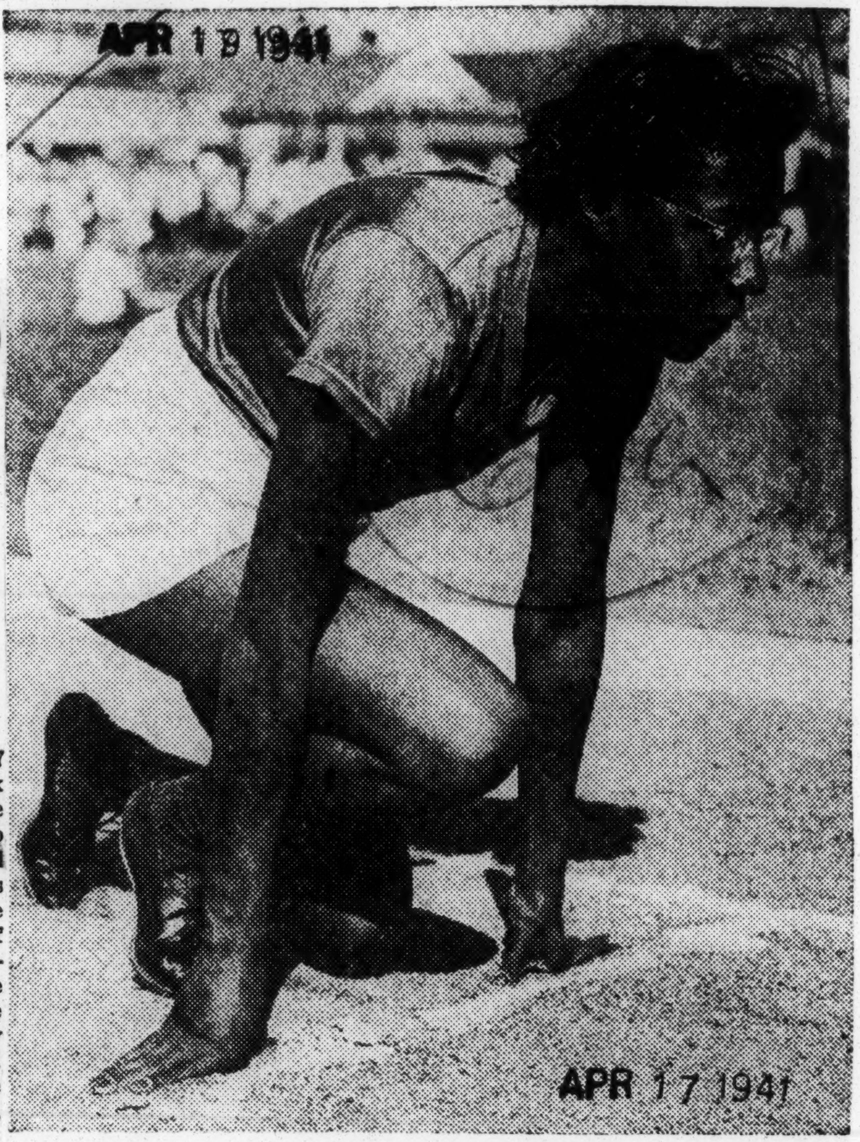
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JEAN LANE
the redoubtable miss from Wilberforce University scored another impressive triumph over Stella Walsh Saturday, creating a new world's record at the same time.

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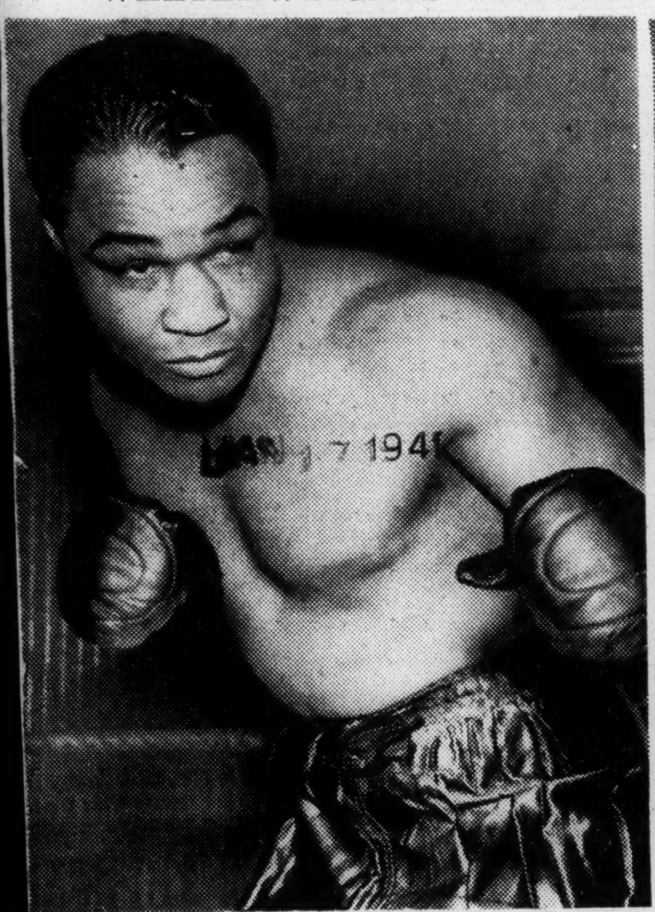
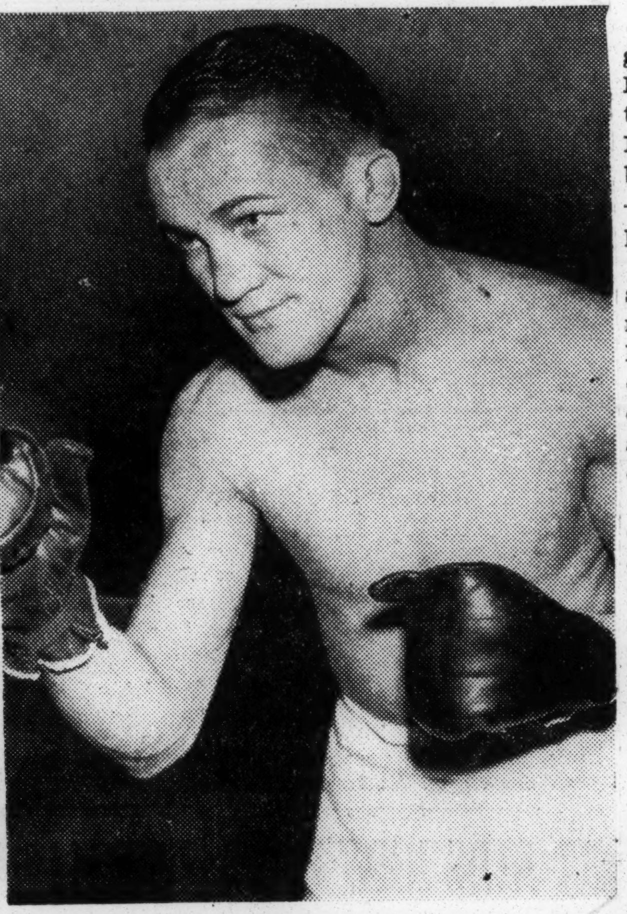
New York Time
New York, N. Y.

WELTERWEIGHTS WHO MEET TONIGHT IN TITLE BOUT



Henry Armstrong



Fritzie Zivic

Sports of the Times

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JAN 17 1941

By JOHN KIERAN

The Welterweight Wrangle

DUE to the fact that the Reds and Tigers were engaged in an interesting world series last October, this observer was in Detroit the night that Fritzie of the zestful Zivics removed the welterweight crown from the dark brow of Hammering Henery Armstrong. It must have been a sad night for Armstrong in more ways than one. Not only did he lose the argument of the evening, but along with it went the last of the three crowns he once wore in the realm of the ring.

Now Hammering Henery is about to make an attempt to retrieve at least the top layer of the triple-decked tiara he once sported in pugilistic circles. The loss of a title is a tough thing for a fighter to take. Here's a fellow who had three titles all at one time and now he hasn't a title to his name. Probably he has brooded over that and may be in an angry mood this evening.

Aside from the fact that he set a modern ring record when he had three titles in his possession at one time, there are other odd points about Armstrong. For a fighter, he is a serious thinker. Though thoroughly affable, he is no hail-fellow-well-met. He occasionally writes poetry and he reads pretty good books when he has the chance.

Two Up and Something Down

Of course his talent for turning out verse isn't going to help him much in this debate with Fritzie of the fighting Zivic clan. Nor can he throw any of his good books at his opponent in Madison Square Garden this evening. This will be rough going in which the finer things of life—except the matter of courage—will have little part.

Many followers of the fancy believe that Armstrong will regain the welterweight crown tonight. Their stated reasons are that Hammering Henery has more class than Fritzie Zivic and that class is bound to tell in the long run. In their estimation, it must be that the second time around or return bout is "the long run" in this case.

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It could happen. This observer wouldn't know. Certainly Armstrong, pound for pound, has been one of the marvels of the ring. But Zivic is two years younger and will have an advantage of some pounds in the weight when they start pounding away. No matter how great a fighter may be, he goes over the hill and starts down the other side some day—or night, as the case may be.

It May Be Heresy

It may be heresy to set down in print but the truth is that this observer never cared much for Armstrong's style of fighting. That may be because this innocent bystander is ignorant of the finer points of "the sweet science." Admitting that, the preference in this corner is for clever boxers and pulverizing punchers. Armstrong, in this corner, is classed with the busy bees, the hurrying hornet type, the boys who swarm all over their opponents. In short, and after having seen Armstrong in a dozen fights, this observer would call him a bigger, stronger, faster and better in every respect Jackie (Kid) Berg, the little Englishman who was called the Whitechapel Whirligig.

It's a long jump to the heavyweight class but Shufflin' Joe Louis is a grand example of the fighter who rarely wastes a motion. Armstrong is all motion, from his feet to the top of his head. Knees, elbows, shoulders, head, hands—all are in rapid motion and generally in different directions. It's not only legitimate and effective but most of the onlookers admire it tremendously, which is their privilege.

But there is no law requiring every onlooker to admire that style of fighting. Around the same weight there were two fighters who appealed more to these eyes, the same being Benny Leonard and Jimmy McLarnin.

Accepting the Verdict

But that's unimportant. It has to be admitted and even maintained in this corner that Hammering Henery has been a great fighter. His record establishes that. As to whether or not he has passed his peak and has his feet on the slippery slope that leads to the exit, the debate at the Garden this evening may decide that. It's astonishing, with his style of fighting, the incessant and unrelenting attack with never a let-up for breath, that Armstrong has lasted this long. His endurance is as remarkable as his apparently boundless energy. As for courage, Hammering Henery ranks with any who ever stepped into the ring.

Going over to the other corner, the Zivic family is a better story than any single fighter from that household. Fritzie is the fifth brother to play the pugilistic trade. Jackie and Pete were good boys of the lighter class a decade or so ago. Brother Joe jumped into the middleweight field but, after finding the going rougher than he had expected from family chatter, he jumped out again and went back to baseball. He was a good catcher in semi-pro circles around Pittsburgh. Eddie was another of the Zivics who did well enough in the ring, but it was Fritzie, the last in line, who brought the first championship into the family.

It's a Rough Game

Some Armstrong supporters have been saying that Fritzie is a rough fighter and that the referee should be instructed to make the Pittsburgher stick by the rules of the ring. That smacks of propaganda. It's the notion in this corner that Fritzie is more of a rough-and-ready fighter than a polished scientist in the ring, but he's that way because that's his natural style and not because he is out to take any illegal advantage over an opponent.

For that matter, Armstrong never pauses to debate whether his manners and movements are patterned on Little Lord Fauntleroy's general deportment in pages of memory. Fighting is a rough game. No special instructions need be handed or whispered to the referee. Armstrong can take care of himself in that respect. If official instruction went out from this corner, it would be a request to the referee to keep out of the way and let the fighters settle their own quarrel.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

HIGHEST HONORS IN BOXING TO HENRY

JAN 18 1941

Henry Armstrong, the only man to hold three ring titles at the same time, was awarded the Edward J. Neil Memorial Trophy for outstanding services to boxing in 1940 at the annual dinner of the Boxing Writers Assn. of New York. James J. Walker, former Mayor of New York City, who made the award to the Coast Hurricane, is at the left in this presentation group. Murray Lewin, sports writre and president of the association, is on the right.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

RETURN TITLE BOUT WILL DRAW THRONG

Brisk Ticket Sale Is Expected Today for Zivic's Defense of Welterweight Laurels

ARMSTRONG ALTERS STYLE

Relies More on Boxing Skill to Regain the Crown—Strong Supporting Card Booked

HOW THE RIVALS COMPARE

ZIVIC		ARMSTRONG
26 years	Age	28 years
5 ft. 10 in.	Height	5 ft. 5½ in.
147 pounds	Weight	145 pounds
71 inches	Reach	68 inches
34 inches	Chest (normal)	36½ inches
36¾ inches	Chest (expanded)	39¼ inches
16 inches	Neck	16 inches
13¼ inches	Biceps	12¾ inches
11 inches	Forearm	11¾ inches
7 inches	Wrist	7¼ inches
11 inches	Fist	10 inches
32 inches	Waist	30 inches
20 inches	Thigh	19¾ inches
13½ inches	Calf	12¾ inches
8½ inches	Ankle	9 inches

JAN 17 1941

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh boxer, makes the first defense of his world welterweight championship tonight in Madison Square Garden against Hammering Henry Armstrong, the ring's perpetual motion machine, who will try to regain the title he held until last Oct. 4, when Zivic unceremoniously blasted the crown from his battle-scarred brow.

They are scheduled to fight fifteen rounds over the championship trail so familiar to Armstrong, the only gladiator in ring history ever to hold three world championships at the same time, the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns. The battle will get under way at 10 o'clock or as soon thereafter as the supporting card makes possible.

It is expected that one of the largest crowds of the season will view this long awaited return engagement, but, despite an encouraging advance sale, Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C., who is conducting his first title bout of the new year, said yesterday that close to half of the 22,000 capacity of the Garden was available to fill today's demand for tickets.

$75,000 Maximum Gate

Jacobs said he would place on sale tonight at 6 o'clock, 4,000 admissions at $1.15. He has 2,000 end arena seats available at $2.30, 1,000 end arena and end box seats at $3.50, together with about 3,000 ringside, loge and side arena seats at the other prices on the scale, $11.50, $5.75 and $4. A sell-out, Jacobs said, would produce a gross gate of $75,000. However, he pointed out that not since taking over promotion of boxing in the Garden has he completely sold out the arena.

Betting on the outcome of the battle is brisk but uncertain, reflecting how close the ring rivals are considered in ability. A few days ago Armstrong was favorite at 5 to 9. Yesterday the best price was 5 to 7, with Armstrong still favorite. There was every indication the champion and challenger would enter the ring tonight at even money or 6 to 5, take your pick, notwithstanding the memory of Armstrong's collapse at the final gong on his ill-fated meeting with Zivic Oct. 4.

Champion's Skill Proved

Zivic should be the favorite if for no reason other than that he has established his ability to overcome the whirlwind style of Armstrong with his own free hitting and tireless swinging.

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In many respects it will be a different Armstrong who enters the ring tonight. For one thing, his training has indicated he now is leaning to boxing, instead of slugging, and this may be a handicap. He will be without the moral support of his manager, Eddie Mead, who is under strict injunction from his physician not to attend the bout. This will be the first time since they joined forces in 1936 that Armstrong will enter a ring without Mead leading the way. And Armstrong will be fighting for a title instead of in defense of one, which, for him, will be a strange experience.

Both champion and challenger are in tiptop physical condition. This was certified by the State Athletic Commission last Tuesday when Zivic and Armstrong submitted to examination by a medical board. Neither will have an excuse on this score tonight.

McCoy to Meet Smith

Matchmaker Nat Rogers has arranged a promising supporting card. Young Kid McCoy, Detroit welterweight, faces Aaron (Al) Smith, Los Angeles, in the eight-round semi-final. Jackie Donovan, Buffalo 147-pounder, tackles Lou Schwartz, Brooklynite, for six rounds, and over the same distance Johnny Colon, West Side middleweight, is scheduled to face Johnny Flores, Houston, Texas. The opening four-round bout will be between Sammy Peretto, Pittsburgh, and Louis [illegible]no, Harlem.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Southern AAU Boxing Semi-Finals To Be At Alabama State

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The commodious Hornet Gymnasium at Alabama State Teachers College will be the scene of the 1941 A. A. U Semi-Final Colored Boxing Regional Eliminations on March 19, 29, 21.

FEB 22 1941

For the second year, Negro amateur boxers in those Southern States which do not permit mixed bouts, will have their chance to compete for first place in each of the eight weight divisions that will enable the eight winners to be entered in The National A. A. U. Finals to be staged in Boston the first week in April. Last year, the first such semi-finals for colored boxers of the South was held in Atlanta and the eight winners performed creditably at Boston in the National Finals. Again, the Piney Acres Country Club, Inc., is cooperating in the sponsorship of these Semi-Finals.

Participants will be registered amateurs with the A. A. U. or must be students in undergraduate colleges. They will come to Montgomery at their own expense and will pay the one-dollar entry fee. the winner in each of the eight divisions will have all expenses pad to the National A. A. U. Finals to be staged in Boston the first week in April. Participants may come unattached or may represent local boxing organizations of which they are the winners.

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Further information may be obtained through Athletic C. Johnson Dunn at Alabama State Teachers College.

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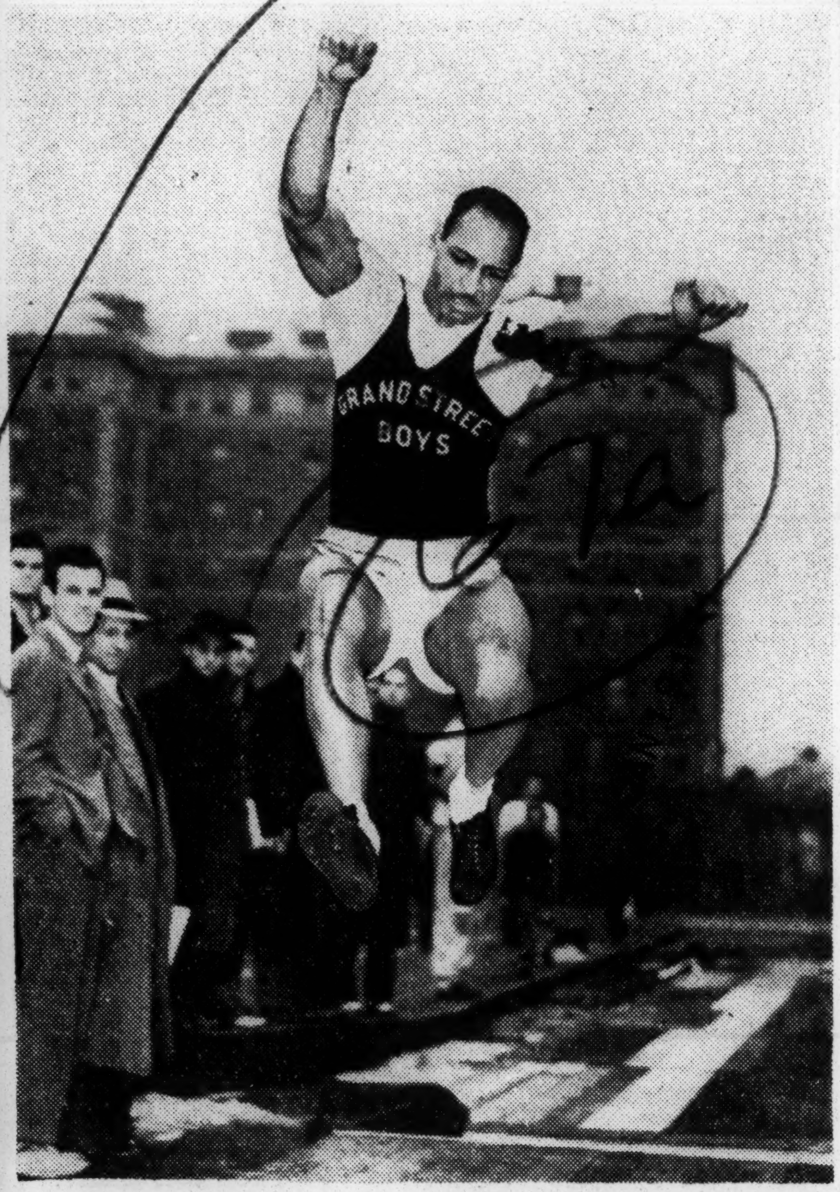
New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Veteran Winning Broad Jump Crown



Eddie Gordon, 1932 Olympic champion and now in his eighteenth year of competition, scoring at metropolitan title meet yesterday.

DREYER CAPTURES TITLE WITH WEIGHT FOR FOURTH TIME

N. Y. A. C. Star Tosses 35-Pound Ball 53 Feet ½ Inch for Metropolitan Honors

MUD HAMPERS ATHLETES

Motto Takes Shot-Put at Ohio Field—Fourth Jump Crown Annexed by Gordon

JAN 19 1941

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

The Metropolitan A. A. U. definition of the word "indoor" does not coincide with that found in the dictionary. The first three events of the annual "met" track and field indoor championships were held in the great outdoors yesterday, one at Columbia and the other two at N. Y. U.

They were pretty soggy title tests too. The first practice throw that was made with the 35-pound weight erupted a geyser of water in the muddy infield of N. Y. U.'s Ohio Field, and the ball had to be excavated before it could be used again. The 16-pound shot had to be wiped off with a towel before each toss.

In other words, the conditions were wretched and hence the performances surprisingly good. Henry Dreyer, a 235-pound "whale" from the New York A. C., won the weight throw for the fourth time with a commendable effort of 53 feet ½ inch. Eddie Gordon of the Grand Street Boys, the Olympic broad jump champion of 1932 and now in his eighteenth year of competition, took the long jump for the fourth time at 22 feet 6 inches, and young Mike Motto, St. John's senior, made the best throw of his career to capture the shot at 48 feet 8¼ inches.

Land in Sawdust Pit

Both the shot and the weight events were held at N. Y. U. in a sea of mud. The broad jump at Columbia's South Field was not quite so moist since the lads had a dry board runway and a reasonably dry sawdust pit to land in.

In fact, the conditions at University Heights were so bad that even the officials were willing to call it off. But they finally decided to go ahead with the program. The weight men discovered that the board platform from which they were to operate had one new piece of lumber in it that was a sixteenth of an inch too high, just enough to disrupt their concentration. Yes, weight men concentrate too.

So Dreyer, Irving (Shorty) Folwartshny, his 6-foot 7-inch N.Y.A.C. team-mate, and a few of the other huskies borrowed a new platform from a pile of them at the other end of the field and used that. The first tentative toss disappeared from sight in the ooze. So they changed direction and pitched instead at an uneven set of hillocks, dotted with casual water.

Some of their throws would hit a mound and stop dead, losing precious inches. Others would go kerplunk into pools of water. Dreyer's winning throw was the first one he made and the only fair toss he had, each of the others being foul.

Made on Last Effort

His runner-up was Folwartshny with a throw of 52 feet 7¾ inches, made on his last effort. Shorty really never went out all the way until his last try. The blond giant was not too sure of himself because of a peculiar accident that kept him from practicing until a couple of weeks ago.

Last October Folwartshny was working in a shipyard at Groton when the bulkhead of a submarine slipped from its cradle and pinned him to the ground. It took a steam crane to remove the ton of metal off Shorty. Fortunately for him, however, he sustained nothing more

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Armstrong

Henry To Finish Book And Then Decide What Next Move Will Be

BY EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK — Tattle tales: Charley O'Rourke, the Boston College grid star, has hired a manager and is available for all engagements—from personal appearances to endorsements . . . Squire Gene Sarazen has just about closed to take over the Mt. Vernon C. C. at Tuckahoe, N. Y. . . . Brown students are signing petitions urging the authorities to promote Line Coach Denny Myers to Tuss McLaughry's old job. Heck Allen, backfield coach, reported slated for Springfield or New Hampshire . . . The Sonja Honey ice troupe, which opens here Monday night, travels in a special train of 12 Pullmans.

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Guest Star

Fred Russell, Nashville Banner: "College boys can play football and honestly pass their classroom work. . . . Exhibit A is the 1940 Vanderbilt freshman squad . . . Only one of the 27 frosh awarded football numerals failed to pass a sufficient number of hours to remain in school."

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On The Fisti-Cuff: Henry Armstrong will put the finishing touches on his book, then decide whether to go into the whisky business or organize and lead a dance band . . . Those who were there say Larry Atkins did a big league job in every respect in staging the Bettina-Christoforidis fight in Cleveland. . . The California Commission will order a five-buck top for the Louis-Godoy go in Los Angeles. (No more of those Louis-Roper things at sucker prices) . . . Nate Lewis, the bald eagle of Chicago's Loop, is in town drumming up work for Leo Rodak . . . Ken Overlin and his Mrs. are shopping for a home in Washington.

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The Wailing Wall: Here's the first football moan . . . Carl Snavely told reporters at Charleston, S. C. . . . "Our situation is not so favorable. . . Twenty-six men to be lost . . . Freshman material weak" . . . That sounds like Mr. Snavely, all right. . . As sad as ever.

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Sports Cocktail: More than half the 35 players on the Yankee reserve list are pitchers . . . Mary Pickford poured tea in Hollywood Sunday for the five National Football League stars who are driving ambulances across the country in an aid-for-Britain drive . . . Because of the spread of influenza some colleges in the South are playing basket ball games to empty houses rather than call them off. Only players, officials and sports writers are admitted . . . If Larry MacPhail wins his fight to have visiting teams stop at Brooklyn hotels instead of those in Manhattan, it will mean $300 per day to the Flatbush inns.

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Age-Herald

Birmingham, Ala.

Golden Gloves Contest

Boxing is a sport for boys who can learn that disciplined muscles and re strained tempers and consideration for one's opponent are necessary in such contests. It is a sport for boys who are not afraid of defeat, but who know the value of protecting themselves.

The Golden Gloves Tournament, which begins here next week, will attract a large number of young amateurs who look on boxing as a sport. And while the contests necessarily are open to boys in the pink of health, they should encourage youngsters not able to enter the tournaments to learn more about a body-building, mind-disciplining sport.

Boxing should teach boys to use their heads as well as their fists and their feet. It should develop courage, not mere physical courage, but a courage that comes with overcoming obstacles, a courage that helps men to get back on their feet after being knocked down by things other than physical punches.

If boxing encouraged boys to settle their problems with their fists, we would not care to have a part in promoting interest in the sport. But boxing, if anything, teaches boys restraint. It teaches them that there are certain rules to observe in dealing with one's opponent. It teaches them to hit hard, but fairly, to look their opponent squarely in the eye and to protect themselves and avoid unnecessarily rough blows.

The Golden Gloves Tournaments have, it is true, been the proving ground for a few young men who have gone into the professional ring. But most of the hundreds who have entered the contests have been schoolboys who have grown up and gone on out into the world as trained craftsmen, doctors, lawyers, business men, athletic directors and in divers other occupations.

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Henry Goes Down Gamely Trying to Recover Laurels

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World Telegram
New York N.Y.

But Former 3-Titleholder Lacks Old Fire That Made Him King

By LESTER BROMBERG.

A reflective executioner today, Fritzie Zivic paused to offer tribute to Henry Armstrong, whose great career he pole-axed with a 12-round knockout last night in Madison Square Garden before the largest crowd in that arena's history, 23,190.

"Armstrong sure proved he deserved the trophy you boxing writers gave him. He went out like a champion," said the surgeon-puncher who, on Oct. 4, took the last of the big-hearted little Negro's three titles, the welter crown, and retained it in last night's drama-packed final scene.

The Pittsburgher was sincere. He had made the same statement in Henry's dressing room. And the beaten fighter, his eyelids swollen grotesquely, replied with characteristic good sportsmanship, "Good luck to you with the championship, Fritzie." Earlier Armstrong had accepted the end by saying, "Well, I'm retiring. I knew this had to come. I guess my eyes won't stand up."

The truth was that, at 28, after nine years of campaigning at an all-out pace which won him such names as Hammering Hank and Little Perpetual Motion, he had run dry of stamina.

A spectator, leaving the Garden, put it well when he said: "Yes, Ty Cobb was still able to hit when he couldn't run." Eddie Mead, Armstrong's ailing manager, who heard reports in the office of Dr. Alexander Schiff, concluded sadly. "His legs were gone."

Zivic, who had only to stab away with his elastic left as Armstrong's strength ebbed, emerged richer by $19,771, 30 per cent of a net of $66,506. Armstrong got the same. The gross was $78,242.

There was a glorious turnout for Armstrong's glorious finish. All seats were gone by 8 o'clock and there were a couple of thousand standees. The crowd bettered the previous record of 22,500, set at the Maloney-Delaney bout in 1927.

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Zivic, who has earned $35,000 in five fights since September, talked of a vacation in Miami, but Promoter Mike Jacobs, who split a profit of $15,000 with the Garden, already was thinking of new chores.

These included a return with Lightweight Champion Lew Jenkins, with whom Fritzie drew last month under nontitle conditions, in the Garden and a 147-pound title defense against Mike Kaplan in Boston. Rip Valenti, promoter of that city, was conferring with Jacobs today in an effort to snag the match for Feb. 28.

Jenkins, forced down in Washington, D. C., on a plane trip from Sweetwater, Texas, missed last night's fight by an hour or so but, learning the result, expressed eagerness to fight Zivic again.

Early today Dr. Schiff, Armstrong's physician, inserted one stitch in a mouth wound. Dr. Schiff cleaned the numerous cuts over both eyes, leaving the stitching until the swelling goes down. Zivic's only physical memento was a cut on his head sustained when they knocked heads in the ninth.

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Some Find Fault With Zivic's Performance.

The grief of disappointment seemed leavened by his large purse as Armstrong spoke from the doctor's office to his friends in Los Angeles.

"I'm all right. We sold the Garden out, even if it had to be the fight in which I retired," Henry said to his wife, Willamae.

Some observers were critical of Zivic's performance, calling him overcautious. They pointed out he dropped Henry as early as the sixth, yet let the fight linger six more rounds.

Zivic offered no apology but said he knew he made the fight seem tougher by fighting inside most of the way. "That was one way of making sure I'd slash him up," he said.

Ray Arcel, the cut expert, agreed that the major factor in Henry's defeat was his inability to travel at his old pace, but emphasized that his eye wounds, which didn't close his eyes, nevertheless dripped sight-obscuring blood into them.

As observed, Armstrong was a different fighter. In most of the rounds he was a weave and bob boxer, who, while he made his foe miss, couldn't score effectively himself. Only in the eleventh, when warned by Referee Arthur Donovan that he'd let him go just one more round, did he open up with his fury of the past.

But the issue long since had been decided and it was only humane that at 52 seconds after start of the twelfth, Donovan called what was actually Henry's farewell to arms.

Time

Chicago, Illinois

Last week little Henry faced Zivic again, in a do-or-die attempt to win back the welterweight title. Armstrong had just received the Neil Memorial Trophy, annually awarded to the most praiseworthy fighter of the year. He will take Zivic this time, fight fans figured, now that surgeons have removed the bothersome scar tissue from around his eyes. But before the first round was over, the crowd realized how wrong they were. Instead of his customary windmill attack, Armstrong tried to box, scarcely landed a blow. In awesome silence they watched round after round. The tiny dynamo, after ten years of punching, was running down at last. Gamely he swung, but Zivic landed two for one. By the fifth round, Armstrong's eyes were dripping blood. By the tenth, he looked like an idiot, face swollen, eyes closed, mouth open.

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Then suddenly the fans rose to their feet in a roaring mass. As if some unseen transformer had hooked on a new supply of power, Armstrong was the dynamo of days gone by. His little fists smashed Zivic with savage fury. It was a superhuman rally, one its witnesses will never forget. But it was too late. After 52 seconds of the 12th round, Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight. Three times (after the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds) he had peered anxiously at Armstrong's wounds. His eleventh-round warning—"Just one more round, Henry"—had spurred the chocolate soldier to his last stand.

At his doctor's office, after the fight, Armstrong joined his manager, Eddie Mead, who had brought him up from California's breadlines to nationwide headlines. Mead, recovering from a recent heart attack, had been forbidden to watch the fight or even listen to it on the radio. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he blubbered: "You'll never put on another glove, Henry." Henry soberly agreed that he had heard his last bell.

The Last Bell

Never before had there been so many people crammed into Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. Besides the 23,000 who filled every seat to the rafters, there were thousands standing three-deep. Outside, police formed a wall around the Garden to keep all but ticket holders away.

The crowd had gone to see a prize fight. More than that, they had gone to cheer a gallant little Negro: spindle-shanked, kinky-haired Henry Armstrong. Two years

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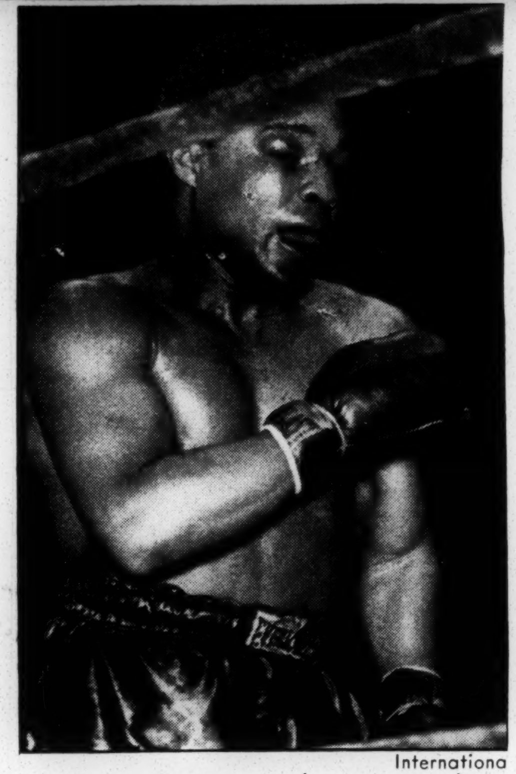

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HENRY ARMSTRONG (12TH ROUND)

The fans saw something unforgettable.

ago, at 25, Henry Armstrong held three world's championships (featherweight, lightweight, welterweight), a feat unmatched by any other fisticuffer, white or black. He renounced his featherweight title, lost his lightweight crown to Lou Ambers. Then, last October, after defending his welterweight championship 19 times, the little tornado, whose gameness and stamina made him one of the most extraordinary fighters of all time, lost the last of his crowns to Fritzie Zivic, youngest of Pittsburgh's five "Fighting Zivics."

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

BURLEY KNOCKS OUT SAUNDERS IN UPSET

MAR 13 1941

Philadelphia 147-Pound Boxer Stops New Yorker in Second of Semi-Final at Garden

LEON FLYWEIGHT WINNER

Puerto Rican Beats Telerico, Gains Golden Gloves Final —Brooks Halts Center

MAR 13 1941

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Semi-finals and finals in the annual Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions attracted 14,114 amateur boxing followers to Madison Square Garden last night, where battlers from the Eastern States competed for places on the East's team that will clash with the West at Chicago on March 26.

To Diogenes Leon, a Puerto Rican flyweight, representing New York and a Diamond Belt as well as Golden Gloves titleholder, went the night's first triumph in a 112-pound semi-final. Against Dick Telerico of Syracuse, Leon gave a commendable boxing exhibition. While Telerico proved himself a willing opponent, Leon's adept left hand enabled him to gain a point advantage that held up all the way.

Referee Stops Fight

The first knockout occurred in a 175-pound semi-final, with Louis Brooks of Philadelphia halting Leo Center of Jacksonville, Fla., after 1:35 of the second round. A series of heavy rights to the head and jaw dropped Center some five times before Referee Frankie Morris decided to call a halt.

Another New York entrant who made his way to the finals was Danny Cox. He took the measure of Jack Fowlks of Newark, N. J., after having his opponent in bad straits in the last round.

One of the biggest surprises was the knockout of Eddie Saunders, also of New York, in a 147-pound semi-final. Rated among the hardest amateur punchers in the game, Saunders was halted by Charley Burley of Philadelphia at 1:03 of the second round.

First Round Is Even

Following a fairly even opening stanza, Saunders ran into a hard left hook to the chin and hit the canvas. He was up before a count, only to be sent down by a right to the face. Once again Saunders, bleeding from the nose, arose without a count, and Burley rushed in, blasted him with a powerhouse left hook under the heart and the local man fell on his face.

When Referee Joey Knapp's toll had reached five, Saunders got up, but when he staggered in all directions the official decided that Saunders was in no shape to continue. Another punch might seriously have injured the New Yorker, who did not appear to realize what was going on.

In a 118-pound semi-final, Warren Dean of Virginia was declared the victor over Frankie Carto of Philadelphia, but the sentiments of the crowd were different. The announcement was hooted, most of the spectators apparently feeling the smaller and more aggressive Carto was entitled to the verdict.

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Pagan Injures Arm

Dudley Watson of New York and Eddie Pagan of Syracuse were in the second round of their interesting 160-pound semi-final when Pagan suddenly fell to the floor. It developed that Pagan had thrown his left arm out of joint and was unable to continue. The time was 1:17 of the second.

With the winner down once and the loser five times, Tim Still of Newark, N. J., knocked out Carlisle Thompson of Charlotte, N. C., after 1:18 of the third of a heavyweight semi-final. Thompson did not have the stamina of his rival.

THE SUMMARIES

112-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals—Diogenes Leon, New York, defeated Dick Telerico, Syracuse; Ralph McNeil, Newark, N. J., defeated Mike Crouchelli, Union City, N. J.
Final—Leon knocked out McNeil in 2:59 of first round.

118-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals—Lester McGowan, Buffalo, defeated Al Linton, New York; Warren Dean, Virginia, defeated Frankie Carto, Philadelphia.

126-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals—Robert McQuillan, Buffalo, defeated Reginald Dunn, Syracuse; Charles Davis, New York, won by default from Bernard Bredemeier, Virginia.
Final—Davis defeated McQuillan.

135-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals—Joseph (Red) Vernon, Washington, defeated Tommy Saunders, Huntington, W. Va.; Johnny Green, Buffalo, defeated Phil Dubaldi, Trenton, N. J.
Final—Green knocked out Vernon in 1:43 of second round.

147-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals—Nick Latsios, Washington, defeated Charles Easley, Jacksonville, Fla.; Charley Burley, Philadelphia, knocked out Eddie Saunders, New York, in 1:03 of second round.
Final—Burley defeated Latsios.

160-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals—Dudley Watson, New York, knocked out Eddie Pagan, Syracuse, in 1:17 of second round; Bernie Lanier, Philadelphia, defeated Henry Peppy, Atlanta.
Final—Lanier defeated Watson.

175-POUND CLASS

Semi-Finals — Louis Brooks, Philadelphia, knocked out Leo Center, Jacksonville, Fla., in 1:35 of second round; Danny Cox, New York, defeated Jack Fowlks, Newark, N. J.
Final—Brooks defeated Cox.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

Semi-Finals—Tim Still, Newark, N. J., knocked out Carlisle Thompson, Charlotte, N. C., in 1:18 of third round; Henry Allen, Philadelphia, defeated Lloyd Williams, Syracuse.

BLACK PROWESS AGAIN TO FORE

MAR 20 1941

Results of the past two weeks in amateur fistic circles have been so startling as to make one wonder whether black prowess is again going to almost completely gobble up fistiana's titles. A few years ago, three years to be exact, black fighters so dominated the professional boxing field that they held six out of the eight classified championships. Of course, it is no wonder that America's black tenth could not long retain this almost unbelievably overwhelming percentage of the world's boxing titles, and when within recent months the championships held by sepia boys had been whittled down to one which in itself is not a bad proportion for one-tenth of the population to possess, things fistic moved back to normalcy. But now it seems that black prowess is again on a rampage and eventually may approximate its high mark of several years ago. Sectional amateur titles have gone sepia-way to a surprisingly large degree in recent Golden Gloves eliminations, and it appears that when the champion bouts are held next month there will come out of the East-West contests more Negroes to hold Golden Gloves championships than ever before. This may ultimately mean a few more professional titles added to the heavyweight title held by Joe Louis. An interesting viewpoint of the present amateur boxing situation is here given by the Chicago Defender, under caption, Golden Gloves Champions:

The crowning of seven of our group in New York as Golden Gloves champions in seven out of the eight divisions for the city team, follows closely on the heels of the naming of eight on the Chicago team.

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It is highly essential to remember that New York City is a metropolis of over seven million people, and that Chicago has over three million.

For 15 Negro boxers, many of whom hold obscure jobs, while some are on WPA, to thus show their prowess points to but one thing: given a like opportunity along with any other group or groups, we, as a race, can more than hold our own.

Savannah Tribune
Savannah, Ga.

The New York Daily News and the Chicago Tribune are both to be congratulated upon this clean cut competition which is based on ability to master the art of self defense rather than on race, creed or color. x x x

The survivors of the New York tournament now will meet the best in the New York area. Then will come the inter-city New York vs. Chicago championships. Six of the eight Chicago boys survived the quarter-finals here. Seventeen of the semi-finalists were Negroes. Four of them won championships.

The Golden Gloves, both in New York and Chicago, bring out one more essential fact. Our boys have trained diligently. This is due to the fine example set by such professional fighters as Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion; Henry Armstrong, former world featherweight, world lightweight and world welterweight king, and John Henry Lewis, former light heavyweight champion, who retired from the ring after his defeat at the hands of Joe Louis.

The number of our boys on visiting teams which entered the Tournament of Champions, representing both large and small cities, was amazing. Kansas City sent five Negroes on a team of eight. Dayton, Ohio, Rockford, Ill., Muncie, Ind., and Gary, Ind., were lopsided with our boys.

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All we ask is a chance to make good!

Because of the Jim Crow attitude of the South, many of our group who want a fair chance in the athletic world move North. Few of the boys are from northern states.

Even in track, the South, because of its insistence on adhering to racial prejudice, loses. Ralph Metcalfe, two times member of the United States Olympic team, was born in Atlanta, Ga. Jesse Owens, the greatest track athlete who ever lived, was born in Alabama. Joe Louis also is from Alabama.

What price prejudice?

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Carry Gary's Colors Into Hoosier Finals

The Froebel team of Gary which won its way into the Indiana state high school basketball finals in Indianapolis next Saturday by coming from behind to oust South Bend Central in Hammond last night, 37 to 36. Left to right, front row: W. Martin, Joe Badanish, J. Damian, E. Malich, and R. Komos. R. Vaugh is the mascot. Rear row, left to right: P. Mandich, D. Minor, S. Isabell, R. Henderson, S. Benko, and Coach Henry Mantz.

Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

TUSKEGEE GIRLS WIN NATIONAL AAU TRACK—FIELD MEET

APR 29 1941

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Two world's records fell by the wayside as Tuskegee's famous track and field team won in the National A. A. U. senior indoor meet at the Atlantic City Auditorium.

Eighteen-year-old Jean Bettye Lane of Wilberforce University broke the first record of the evening when she carried off the 220 meter event in the marvelous time of 25.1 bettering the mark of 25.7 set by Stalla Walsh of the Polish Olympic Club of Cleveland during the trials in the afternoon.

Miss Walsh broke her own record of 26.1 in the afternoon, but was unable to cope with Miss Lane's burning speed in the final in the evening. Miss Lane won the race in the first 40 yards when at the crack of starter Charley Roser's gun she outsprinted Miss Walsh to the curve and won going away. Miss Walsh had a terrific struggle with Miss Hester Brown of Tuskegee for second place. She was able to hold on to a slight lead until the finish. The Tuskegee representative winding up in third place.

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Miss Lane was a double victor when she outfought Jeanerette Jones, Lucy Newell, Tuskegee, Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee, Mary DeShayes, Philadelphia Moose, and Betty Charters, Philadelphia Moose, to win in a blanket finish in the good time of 6.8 seconds.

The second world's mark fell in the last event, 400-meter relay, won by Tuskegee. This was the high spot of the evening's program and the women's track and field championships of the United States depended upon the outcome.

At the crack of the gun Lucy Newell of Tuskegee, who had won the broadjump and placed in the 50-meters run, left her mark on the wings to open up a slight but very definite lead on Betty Charters of Philadelphia Moose and Ruth Schneider of Polich Olympic Club. She touched off Leila Perry who stayed out in front, Hester Brown running third leg lost about a yard of the slight lead but held grimly to give Rowena Harrison at anchor an arm length's lead. Then she let go with that graceful effortless sprint of hers and streaked away to the three-yard victory and a new world's mark of 50.3 The old record of 50.8 seconds wast set by Alice Monk Pear, Young, Nellie Sharks and Katherine Capp of the Newark, New Jersey women's athletic club at Madison Square Garden, New York City, February 25, 1933. Lillie Purifoy of Tuskegee gliding smoothly over 50 meter hurdles won this event in the good time of 8.1 seconds.

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Alice Coachman of Tuskegee leaped five feet even to capture the high jump. In her attempt to break the world's record the bar was placed at five feet, two inches. This she cleared with ease. The bar was then placed at five feet, four inches a fraction of an inch above the world's record. On her third and last try at this distance she barely brushed the bar of its pegs with her uniform.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Hampton Results

100-Yard Dash—Won by Wiggins, St. Paul; second, Barnes, Shaw; third, Brown, Va. State; fourth, Wade, St. Paul. Time 10.0.

220-Yard Dash—Won by Stewart, Morgan; second, Boone, Shaw; third, Brown, Va. State; fourth, Burdell, Morgan. Time, 22.4 seconds.

120-Yard Hurdles—Won by Lewis, A. and T.; second, Loyanda, Lincoln; third, Garvins, A. and T. 15.9 seconds.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Campbell, Morgan; second, Marshall, St. Paul; third, Ray, A. and T.; fourth, Watkins, Hampton 26.2 seconds.

440-Yard Run—Won by Drake, Morgan; second, Cary, St. Paul; third, Fletcher, Morgan. 49.[illegible] seconds.

880-Yard Run—Won by Bowie, Morgan; second, Hundley, Howard; third, Carter, Va. State; fourth, Ramos, Lincoln. 1 minute, 59.7 seconds.

Mile Run—Won by Browne, Lincoln; second, Hurt, Morgan; third, Stamper, Va. State; fourth, Hall, Lincoln. 4:34.1.

Two-Mile Run—Won by Hurt, Morgan; second, Stamper, Va. State; third, Ramsey, Lincoln; fourth, Mooney, St. Augustine's. 10:27.3.

Medley Relay—Won by St. Paul (Wiggins, Cary, Cave and Marshall); second, Lincoln; third, Howard; fourth, Hampton. 3:43.4.

Miley Relay—Won by Morgan; second, Hampton. 3:25.0 seconds.

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Pole Vault—Won by Harder, Lincoln; second, Goodwin, Howard; third, Bailey, Va. State; fourth; McRenolds, A. and T. 11 feet, 3 inches.

Discus—Won by Edmonds, Shaw, 123 feet, 5 3/4 inches; second, Lynn, A. and T., 122 feet, 5 1/4 inches; third, Loyanda, Lincoln, 118 feet, 2 3/8 inches; fourth, Spraggs, Hampton, 113 feet, 5 inches.

Shot Put—Won by Lynn, A. and T., 43 feet, 7 3/4 inches; second, Dismond, Hampton, 40 feet, 11 inches; third, Pearcy, Lincoln, 40 feet, 5 3/4 inches; fourth, Moton, Hampton, 38 feet, 9 3/4 inches.

Running High Jump—Won by Loyanda, Lincoln; second, Thomas, Morgan; third, Gay, A. and T.; fourth, Murrill, Va. State. Height, 6 feet.

Running Broad Jump—Tie between Garrison, Morgan, and Grice, Hampton; third, Campbell, Morgan. Distance, 22 feet 3 3/4 inches.

Javelin—Won by Byron, Morgan, 168 feet, 1 3/8 inches; second, Kee, Morgan, 167 feet, 8 1/8 inches; third, Holt, Va. State, 150 feet, 4 3/4 inches.

TOTAL POINTS

1.	MORGAN	53
2.	LINCOLN	29
3.	A. AND T.	21
4.	VA. STATE	20
5.	ST. PAUL	18
6.	HAMPTON	15
7.	SHAW	11
8.	HOWARD	1
9.	ST. AUGUSTINE	1

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Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

White Brooklyn College No Match For Virginia Union

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NEW YORK — Virginia Union university quintet, 1940 C.I.A.A. champions, may have stumbled against Clark university in Atlanta on Friday night, losing a 38 to 36 game to the Southern conference 1940 championship quintet, and on Saturday barely eking out a victory over Coach Adams' Tuskegee institute cagers, but the Virginia quintet left here in a blaze of glory on Friday, December 26, after having stopped the white Brooklyn college quintet, 54 to 38, on the Golden Gate arena floor.

The score was 26 to 22 at half time with Virginia Union out in front.

The crowd, estimated at 3,000, didn't regret that they had braved the rain and mist on the outside to make it to the game. Soupy Campbell of Union was high point man of the night with a total of 16. Captain Glover, who hails from New York City, was next highest for Union with 13 points.

Jack Murray, white, Eastern cage official, and Sam Lacey, Baltimore Afro-American sports writer and C.I.A.A. official, handled the game in great style as officials.

The Kappas played one half of their game with the Sigmas before the Brooklyn-Virginia Union game and led 28 to 21. The second half found the Kappas still out in front. The final score was 62 to 53, with the Kappas winning.

Frank Forbes is doing the booking of the basketball teams for the New Amsterdam Athletic association.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Ala. State Host To First Annual SIAC Boxing Meet

MAR 5 - 1941

By J. M. REYNOLDS

MONTGOMERY, Ala.— (SNS)— Under the sponsorship of the State Teachers College, boxers representing Southeatern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member colleges put on eight interesting three-round matches in the Hornet gymnasium here February 26 in a history-making initial boxing tournament. More than a thousand fans braved a cold drizzle to see the slow and went away well-pleased and filled with high hopes that it will become an annual affair and that the fistic game will become an official sport in the calendar of the SIAC.

FOUR TEAMS ENTERED

The four schools participating Xavier, Tuskegee. Florida and Alabama State, and coaches and officials from all other conference schools who were present expressed their intention of entering teams in future years. Referee of the evening was Sergeant John Patton, coach of the Tuskegee boxing team. Coach Cleve L. Abbott of Tuskegee served as head judge, and the three judges were B. T. Harvey of Morehouse. Coach Frank Forbes of Morehouse, and Basketball Coach A. S. Gaither of Florida.

GOOD BOYS

Outstanding amateur fighters, many of them Golden Gloves contender of years ago in other cities who are now attending conference schools composed the teams.

SUMMARY

Carvin Crowe (Bama State). 141 won the decision over Robert Robinson (Tuskegee) 137. John Tolson (Tuskegee), 157, scored a technical k. o. over Steward Thompson (Bama State), 155. 1:35 of the second round.

Alex Johnson (Xavier) 157 took the decision over William Simmons (Fla.) 160 "Doug" Taylor (Bama State), 153, won the nod over Henry Dixon (Fla.) 161 "Peter" Jackson (Bama), 175, won the nod over Don Noble (Fla.) 171. Vance Gamble (Xavier), 169 won the nod over Ralph "Killer" Jones (Bama) 166 Leo. Harrison (Florida), 175, kayoed Willie Hansborough (Bama State) 175 within 58 seconds of the first round.

William Sartor (Tuskegee), 199, took the decision from Stanley Reese (Bama tate) 184.

Boxing Coaches: Tuskegee: Sgt. Patton; Xavier: Wright; Florida: Bell; Bama State: Albritton.

'BAMA STATE HORNETS LOSE TO FISK, 54-46

MONTGOMERY. Ala. —(SNS)— Alabama State's hapiess Hornets lost the last game of the current basketball season to Fisk here tonight at Hornet gym by the score of 54-46 after waging an uphill battle all the way, to close their most disastrous season in a number of year.

By this loss, the Fiskites evened their standing with the Hornets who took a game from them in January up at Nashville.

The Hornet record for the year reads six wins nine losses. Saving feature for the Hornets this winter were the 169 points scored in 15 games by their ace forward, Luther Farrell.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

How About the Campaign?

What is the status of the campaign to end the miserable Jim Crow ban that keeps Negro boys out of the game despite the feelings of fans, players and almost all the managers? There's a tendency to feel a little sick and a little discouraged perhaps as another season looms with the Gibsons and Paiges still outside, and this scribe wouldn't pretend to be immune to it.

But when you contemplate the five years of the campaign, you realize that, natural as a temporary feeling of discouragement may be, it's a blind feeling of the moment without looking either behind or ahead. There's no room for discouraged halting in a campaign that in a relatively brief period of time has brought the issue of baseball's discrimination before millions who never knew it existed before; that has forever exploded the magnate's old double myth that: (1) There were no Negro players of big league caliber; (2) White players and managers wouldn't welcome them into the game . . . a campaign that saw almost a million signatures to petitions gathered all over the country by the Committee to End Jim Crow in Baseball, composed of trade union sports organizations, youth, college and Negro groups . . . that last year finally forced the issue for the first time into the sports pages of two large metropolitan newspapers outside of New York and into the pages of two national weekly magazines.

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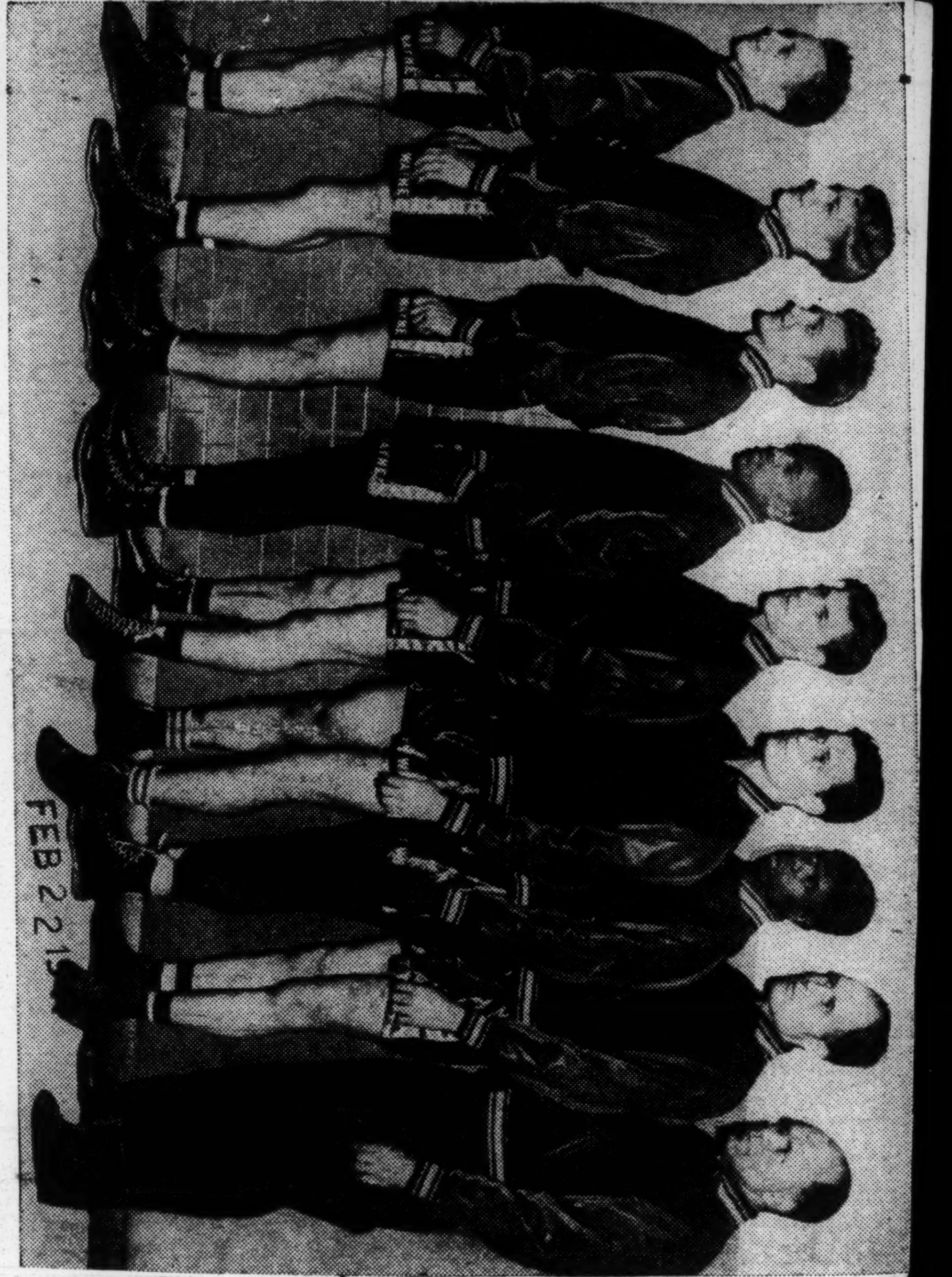

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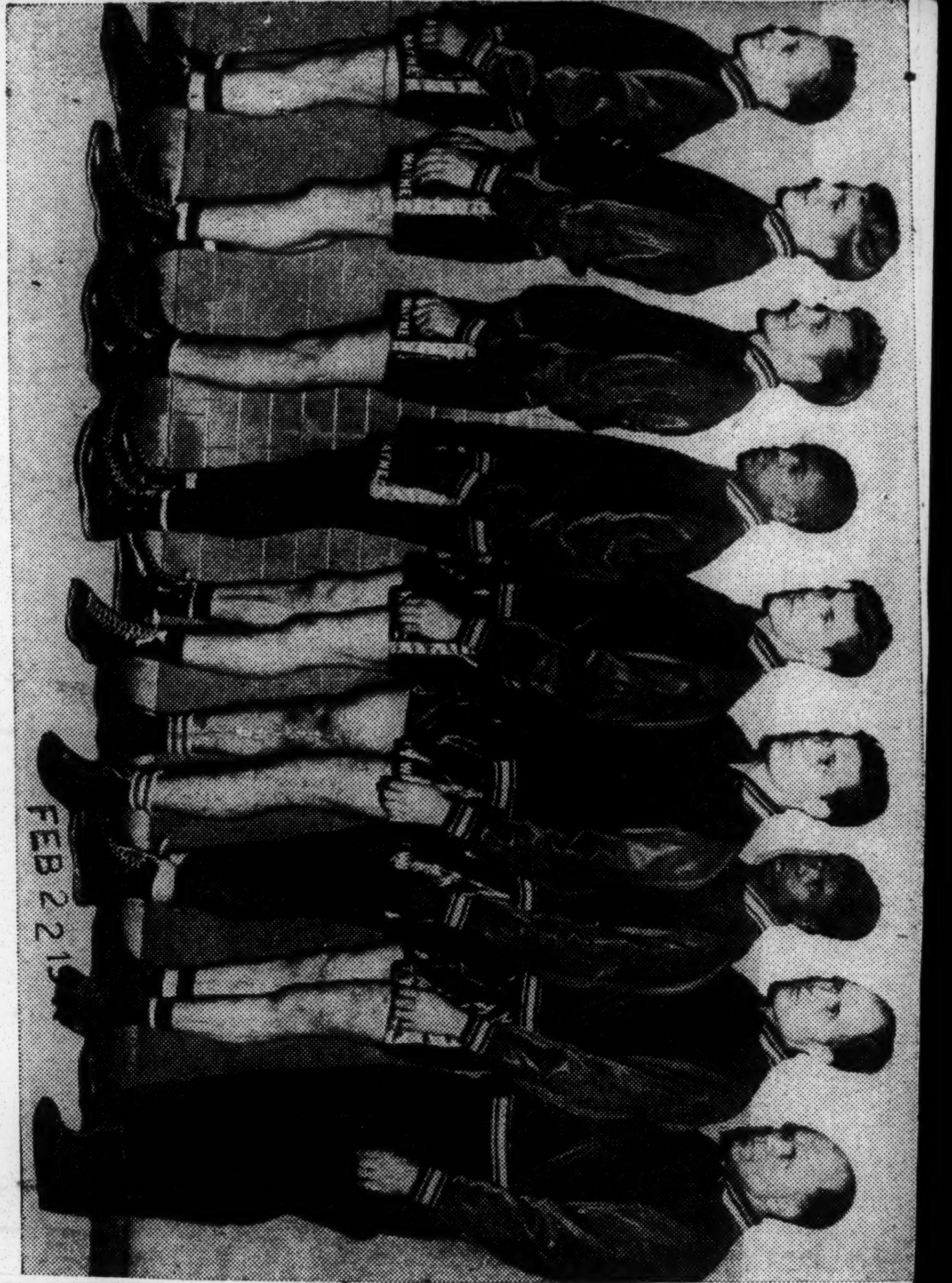

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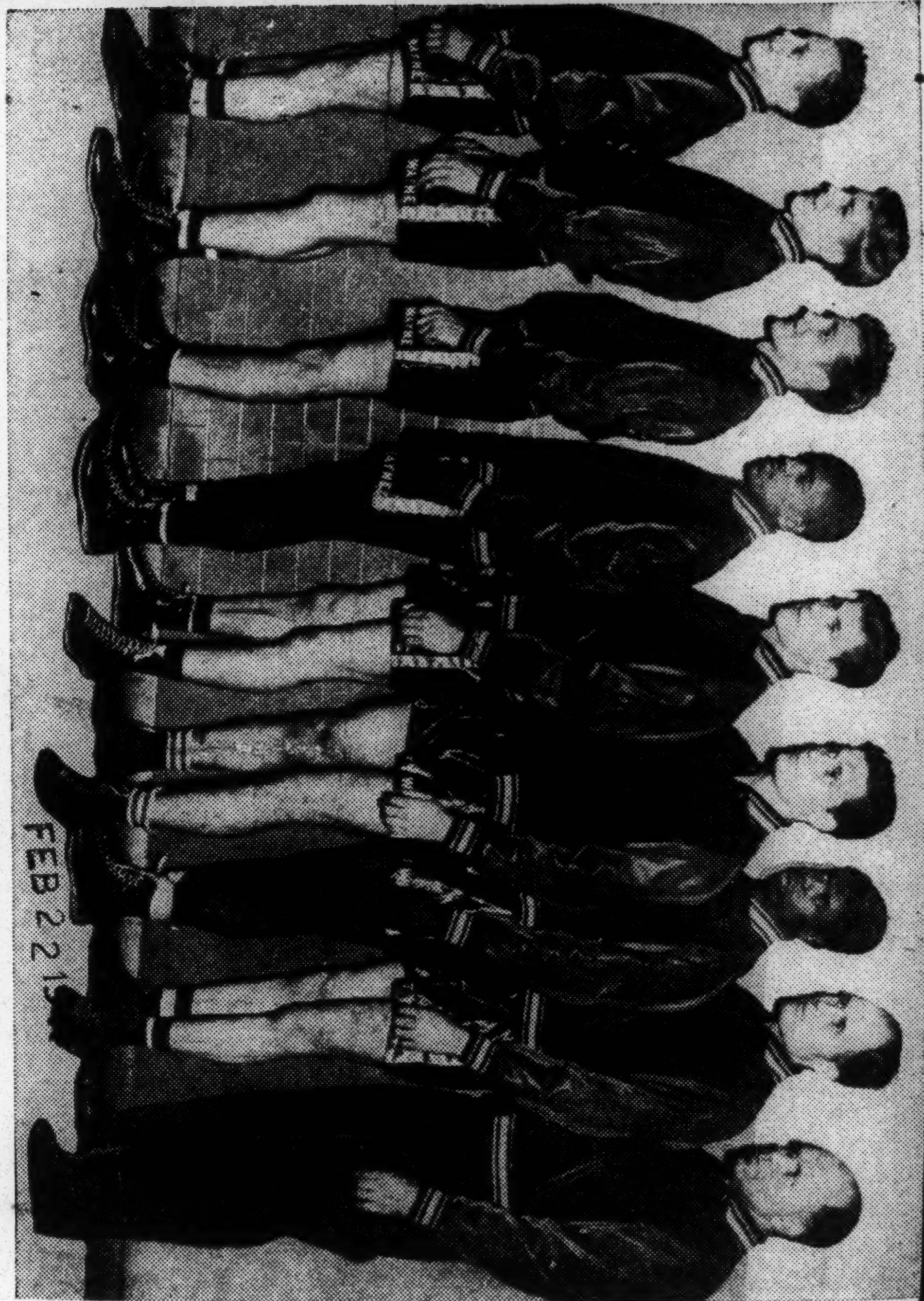

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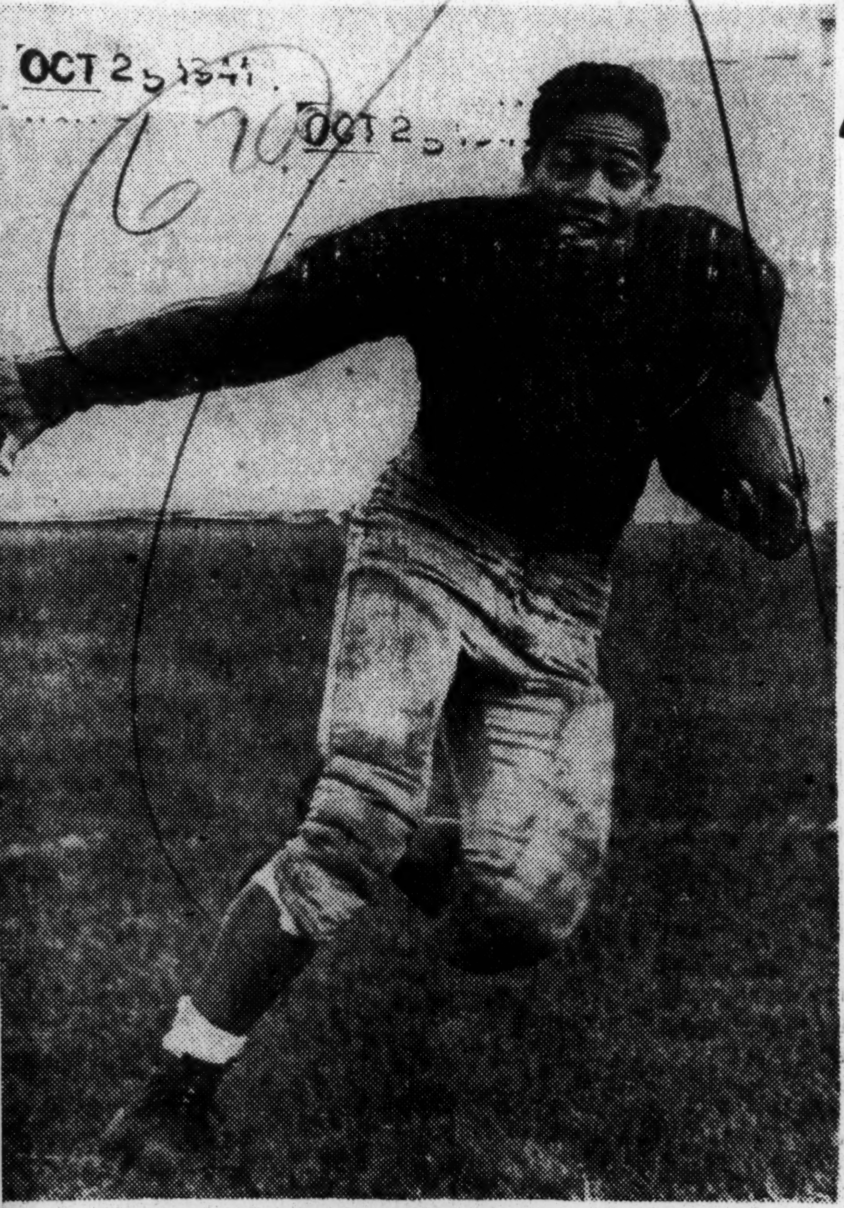

RAY W. GUILD JR.
Harvard university junior, weighing 162 pounds and from Cambridge, Mass., where he attended Cambridge high and Latin school. His father, Ray W. Guild, Sr., is an outstanding Boston lawyer and president of the N.A.A.C.P. Ray is the fastest man on the Harvard team and stands out as a wingback and ball carrier. He was in the Cornell game for a few minutes of play and Coach Dick Harlow is expecting great things of him when his injuries heal.—Paul D. Davis photo, Cambridge, Mass.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Cornell U. Breaks Academy Jim Crow

By ART CARTER
AFRO Sports Editor

Cornell University's Big Red eleven lost its first football game of the current season to Navy, 14-0 here Saturday, but at the same time scored a more significant victory by hurling defiance at the time-worn jim-crow traditions of Navy and the State of Maryland by playing its colored backfield star, Sam Pierce.

Pierce was not in the game very long. In fact, the 18-year-old sophomore back was used only as a substitute, twice breaking into the gridiron tussle as an alternate for more experienced members of the Big Red team. In all, Pierce played hardly more than four or five minutes, but the mere presence of the bronzed backfield sensation in the game here in Baltimore was a precedent-setting incident that may lead to bigger and better things in intercollegiate athletics.

Navy Had Ban

For years, the Naval Academy and other Maryland institutions have maintained a ban against colored players on white college teams competing against the lily-white outfits on home soil.

Only last April 5, Navy barred Lucien Alexis, Jr., a Harvard University lacrosse player from a game at the Academy in Annapolis, Md., and two football seasons ago Charlie Thomas, the Ten-Cent Terror of Boston University, was forced to idle on the sidelines while his teammates fought a futile battle against Western Maryland University in the same stadium in which Navy and Cornell played Saturday.

The reaction from the Harvard incident involving Alexis and the current war hysteria, which has left the navy the object of much criticism because of its failure to admit colored men into its service on an equal basis with white service men, doubtless were the influences which silenced Navy's usual protest against colored athletes.

Credit for Cornell

Whether or not Navy quietly sought relief from the embarrassing situation by asking Cornell not to play the colored halfback may never be known, but to Cornell's everlasting credit let it be reported that the Ithaca institution displayed real courage and sportsmanship.

Unlike other Northern schools which have voluntarily bowed to the prejudiced traditions of the South and left their sepia stars at home, or brought them along with the team only to shunt them off to some secluded spot while the team played the game, Cornell put Pierce in the game. That he played only a few minutes is a factual matter, growing out of Pierce's own merit and his relative position on the Big Red eleven.

Snavely Kept Word

Coach Carl Snavely, the Cornell mentor, told the writer on Friday afternoon during the team's practice at the stadium:

"Pierce is a member of Cornell's team and if we need him out there tomorrow, we'll use him. He's been in all of our games to date and he'll get his chance if it comes."

Snavely kept his word. When Ken Stofer was pulled out late in the third period, Pierce was substituted. The former Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y., scholastic sensation made one tackle, nailing his man with finesse, and two plays later he was out.

Again in the fourth quarter, Snavely substituted Pierce, this time for one pass play—obviously an attempt to trick Navy's defense with Pierce serving as a decoy but Lou Bufalino, Cornell's ace tosser, never let the ball go as Middies swarmed all over him.

No Reaction

No comment from players on the Navy team were heard, and no unfavorable reaction from the huge crowd of 45,000 was noticeable, thus breaking down all the asinine objections Navy and other white teams have heretofore raised against playing colored players against white teams in the South. Pierce was just another Cornell substitute—as it should have been.

Pierce had a taste of Maryland jim-crow, however, during his two-day stay in Baltimore. His team was housed at the Gilman Country School for Boys, a private institution, which denied Pierce accommodations because of his color. He was quartered at the local Druid Hill Avenue YMCA and later stayed at the home of friends.

Has Real Promise

Pierce is following in the wake of Jerome (Brud) Holland at Cornell and though only a sophomore has promise of developing into an All-American as Holland did. He tips 185 pounds and is 6 feet 1 inch tall. His real name is Samuel Riley Pierce and he is an excellent student besides excelling in athletics at Cornell.

Same Problem

Navy will again face the racial problem on Saturday when the Middies meet Harvard in Cambridge. Harvard has Ray Guild, son of a Boston lawyer, on the team and Guild is a certainty to play in the game. Guild has been running in Coach Dick Harlow's second-string backfield and breaking into every game to date.

Besides Navy, Western Maryland must face the issue on Friday night as Boston University is scheduled to play here, with its colored star, Charlie Thomas. Thomas is a triple-threat back who is virtually the whole works in the Boston University backfield. Two years ago, Thomas was withheld from the game at the request of Western Maryland.

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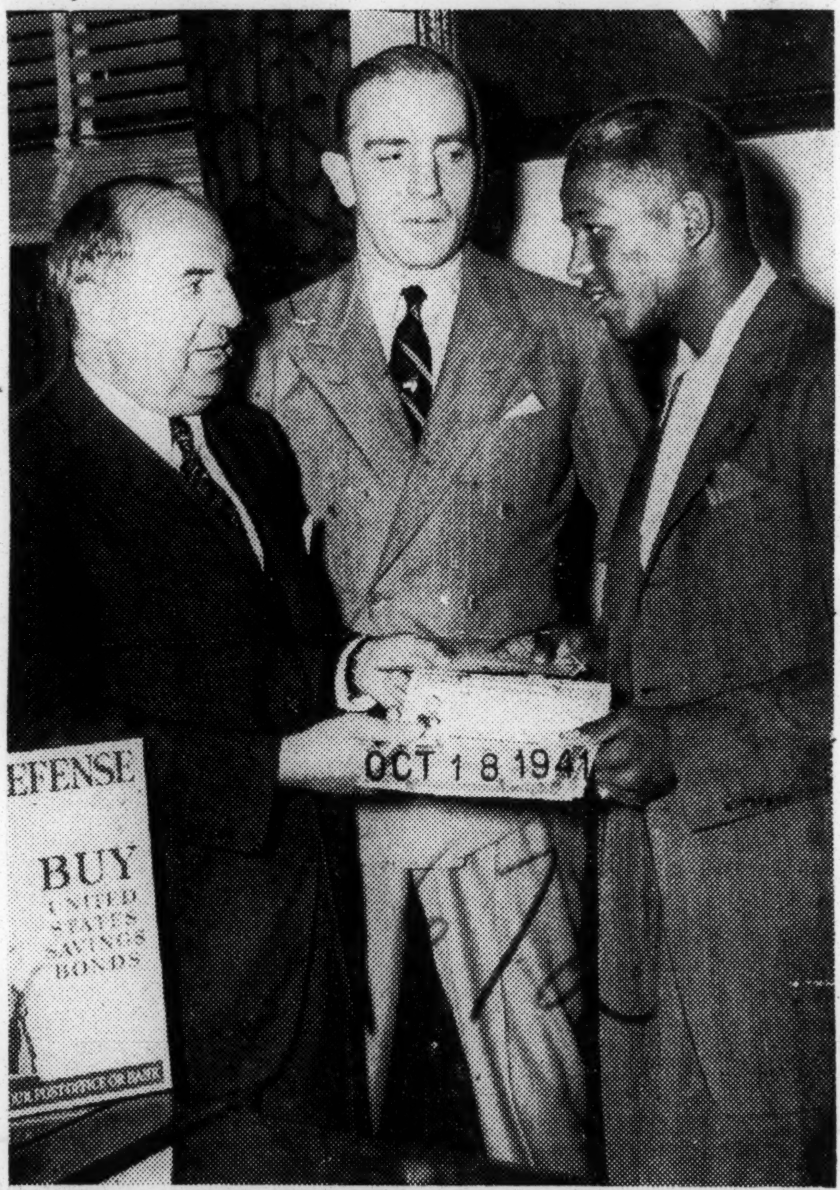

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Last Period Pass Wins for Yankees

Stuart Runs 35 yards for Score; Sidat-Singh Shines

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By MELVIN (CY) JOHNSON

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Colored football made a definite step forward at the Polo Grounds here Sunday afternoon when a disorganized group of former stars from colored and white colleges went down to defeat before the all-white New York Yankee All-Stars, 24-20, in a charity game.

Conceded little chance of avoiding defeat at the hands of the white team, which has been playing regularly during the season as the Hartford (Conn.) Blues, the colored eleven appeared to have been facing a severe drubbing when the Yankees marched to two straight touchdowns in the first quarter, after gaining possession of the ball.

But, led by Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, former Syracuse star, the colored gridders began functioning as a machine in the second quarter, though when the half ended they were behind, 7-17. From then on, the battle was a nip-and-tuck affair, which reached its greatest point of interest in the third quarter when the Colored All-Stars took the lead, 20-17.

Weak Pass Defense

A weak defense against the aerial attack of the Yankees caused the downfall of the colored eleven, the winners seldom failing to find a loose man to receive the ball for long gains.

The game was only a few minutes old before Vic Blaylock of the Yankees, also a former Syracuse University star, fired the pigskin to Bob Taylor (Columbia) for a 30-yard gain, placing the ball on the 24-yard line of the colored team. Another pass to Joe Hugret, end from New York University, gave the white team its first six points, coming after they could only gain one yard rushing the ball. Mim Daddario, backfield star from Wesleyan, dropkicked for the extra point, starting the Yankees off with a 7-0 lead.

After Ozzie Simmons, ex-Iowa star, made a 14-yard run after the kick-off, the offensive drive died down, with Sidat-Singh finally kicking to the white boys' 35-yard line.

The Yankees started another drive, the feature of which was a 47-yard pass from Blaylock to Sid Mills, which placed the ball on the All-Stars' 11-yard line. Another pass, on the fourth down, carried the ball to the one-yard line, where it was taken over on the next play by Fritz Fetela. Daddario again converted to give the Yankees a 14-0 lead.

Ryan Blocks Kick

The Yankees appeared to have been on their way to another drive, about the middle of the second quarter, but it was suddenly ended when Maso Ryan, ex-Morgan College star, blocked Daddario's attempted punt. Maso completed this task by recovering the rolling pigskin on the 7-yard line, after the ball had escaped the outstretched hands of Jim Walker, tackle from Iowa.

The Yankees were penalized 5 yards for too many time-outs and on the first play, Sidat-Singh dashed through the line for a touchdown and Ryan added the extra point to make the score 14-7, in favor of the Yankees.

The half ended a few minutes later, but not until Daddario had dropkicked the ball between the uprights to give his mates a 17-7 lead at half-time.

Stars Drive 64 Yards

Beginning the second half, the All-Stars began to show more co-ordination and drove 64 yards to a touchdown. The features of this first real display of offensive strength by the sepia lads were an end-around play, with Archie Harris from Indiana University carrying the ball for 27 yards, and Sidat-Singh's 24-yard dash through right tackle broken field to score the touchdown.

Needing three points to tie, the All-Stars began to nab Yankee players for big losses, with most of the tackles being made by Sodie White, center, of Talladega fame, Ryan and Harris.

Stuart Scores

The break came when Charlie Anderson, end from Ohio State, deflected a pass thrown by Bill De Correvont, Northwestern ace, which was finally intercepted by Shaky Stuart, guard, ex-Hampton ace, who ran 35 yards for a touchdown to put the All-Stars in the lead for the first time during the game, 20-17.

Pass Hurts

The battle waged furiously from this period and reached a climax when the last of a series of Yankee passes was nabbed by Ike Elkenberry, end of Indiana, for the winning touchdown, with Daddario again converting the extra point to close the scoring at 24-20.

In defeat, the Colored All-Stars gained the approval of the 22,787 paid admissions (official), with many second-guessers believing that the insertion of Lou Montgomery, from Boston, in the line-up at the beginning may have brought victory for the All-Stars.

Montgomery Elusive

Lou proved to be an elusive runner, several times bringing the vast crowd to its collective feet. He and Sidat-Singh were the offensive stars of the colored team, with Ryan, Harris, Anderson, Stuart and White standing out on the defensive.

In addition to the colored players mentioned, others participating in the game were:

Don Hurse, Xavier; Chuck Bowen, Wilberforce; Bernie Jefferson, Northwestern; Tom Johnson, Springfield; Ozzie Simmons, Iowa; Mozel Ellerbee, Tuskegee; Dolly King, Long Island; Joe Lillard, Oregon; Ed Williams, New York University; Duffy Garland, Kentucky State; John Oxley, Howard; Jabo Kenner, Armstrong, Washington, D.C.

Jones in Line-up

In addition to Bill De Correvont, the Northwestern star, the Yankees had in their line-up Special Delivery Jones, this year's great back at Pittsburgh University, and numerous stars from major white colleges.

Benny Friendman, former Michigan star, was the coach of the Colored All-Stars, with Lillard as his assistant. Grat O'Connell, Boston College, was the coach of the Yankees, with Jack Wallace, Rutgers, as his assistant.

All-Stars-Yankee Game Statistics

	N. Y. Yanks	All Stars
First downs	22	4
Yards gained, rushing	203	117
Forward passes	27	6
Forwards completed	9	1
Yards gained, forwards	62	4
Forwards intercepted by	2	1
Number of punts	4	7
†Av. dist. of punts, yds.	28	25
Run back of punts, yds.	16	21
Fumbles	0	0
Own fumbles recovered	0	0
Penalties	4	5
Yards lost, penalties	39	40

†From point where ball was kicked.

The line-ups:

Yankees (24)		All Stars (20)
Fisher	L.E.	Harris
Moffett	L.T.	Walker
Rbinsn	L.G.	Garland
Williams	C.	Bowen
Herzog	R.G.	Stuart
Hall	R.T.	Ryan
Hugret	R.E.	Anderson
Dadario	Q.B.	Jefferson
Taylor	L.H.	Sidat-Singh
Baylock	R.H.	Johnson
Petela	F.B.	Simmons

Scoring

Time	Scoring play	Yanks	Stars
FIRST PERIOD			
3:42	Hugret, pass	6	0
3:42	Dadario, drop kick	7	0
12:18	Petela, buck	13	0
12:18	Dadario, drop kick	14	0
SECOND PERIOD			
10:33	Sidat-Singh, buck	14	6
10:33	Ryan, place-kick	14	[illegible]
14:52	Dadario, drop kick	17	7
THIRD PERIOD			
7:50	Sidat-Singh, run	17	13
7:50	Ryan, place-kick	17	[illegible]
9:40	Stuart, pass intercep'n	17	20
FOURTH PERIOD			
6:32	Eikenberry, pass	23	20
6:32	Dadario, drop kick	24	20

Substitutes

Yankees—Eikenberry, Waltman, Aston, Presti, Ludwinowicz, Vaznelis, Cottone, Mills, Decorrevant, Whisner, Wheby, Jones, Servillo. All Stars—Ellerbee, Packard, White, Mason, King, Montgomery, Lillard, Williams, Meyers, Kenners.

Officials

Referee—Zev. Graham. Umpire—J. W. Drew. Linesman—J. L. Hunter. Field judge—Bob Labranco.

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Cochrane Makes Biggest Rise, From 39th to First Place Among Welterweights

DEC 29 1941

By JAMES P. DAWSON

An honor accorded no other boxer in history goes to Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, in the ratings for the year 1941 by The Ring, a boxing publication. In a copyrighted article in its February issue, the magazine, of which Nat Fleischer is editor and publisher, names Louis "the fighter of the year" for the fourth time.

Louis won the designation first in 1936 and was named again in 1938 and 1939. His selection this year brings the Brown Bomber, who will defend his title on Jan. 9 in Madison Square Garden against Buddy Baer for the Navy Relief Society, a distinction that is unrivaled.

A total of 202 boxing experts throughout this country, Canada and Latin America constituted a jury that took into consideration ring accomplishments, influence on the sport, conduct in and out of the ring and influence on the youth of the land. Louis got 98 votes. Conn placed second with 36.

Freddie (Red) Cochrane, world welterweight champion, was third with 23; Ray Robinson, Harlem welterweight, fourth with 12, and Georgie Abrams, Norfolk, Va., middleweight, fifth with 10. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia lightweight, received 9 votes and Bob Pastor, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., heavyweight, 8.

Louis's thirteen-round knockout of Conn and the feat of Buddy Baer knocking Louis out of the ring in Washington last Spring were rated the thrills of the year. The most surprising accomplishment was Cochrane's acquisition of the welterweight title by beating Fritzie Zivic last July and the most amazing jump in ranking was Cochrane's from No. 39 to No. 1 among the welterweights.

The ratings of the leaders:

HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—Joe Louis, Detroit.

Group 2—1, Billy Conn, Pittsburgh; 2, Lem Franklin, Cleveland; 3, Bob Pastor, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Group 3—1, Buddy Baer, Oakland, Calif.; 2, Mello Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.; 3, Abe Simon, New York; 4, Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles; 5, Lou Nova, Alameda, Calif.; 6, Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh; 7, Max Baer, Oakland, Calif.; 8, Roscoe Toles, Detroit; 9, Alberto Lovell, Argentina; 10, Arturo Godoy, Chile.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—1, Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside Park, N. J.; 2, Booker Beckwith, Chicago; 3, Anton Christoforidis, Greece; 4, Tami Mauriello, New York; 5, Mose Brown, Pittsburgh; 6, Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland.

Group 2—1, Jock McAvoy, England; 2, Alabama Kid, Dover, Ohio; 3, Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.; 4, Tommy Tucker, East Rockaway, L. I.; 5, Herbie Katz, Brooklyn; 6, Joey Maxim, Cleveland; 7, Pat Valentino, San Francisco; 8, Oscar Rankins, Los Angeles.

MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—1, Tony Zale, Gary, Ind.; 2, Georgie Abrams, Roanoke, Va.; 3, Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.; 4, Ken Overlin, Washington.

Group 2—1, Coley Welch, Portland, Me.; 2, Steve Belloise, New York; 3, Ceferino Garcia, Philippines; 4, Shorty Hogue, Jacumba, Calif.; 5, Ron Richards, Australia; 6, Archie Moore, St. Louis; 7, Johnny Colan, New York; 8, Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.; 9, Eddie Booker, San Jose, Calif.; 10, Antonio Fernandez, Chile; 11, Al Hostak, Seattle.

WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—1, Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J.; 2, Ray Robinson, New York; 3, Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles; 4, Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh; 5, Young Kid McCoy, Detroit; 6, Charley Burley, Pittsburgh; 7, Holman Williams, Detroit; 8, Izzy Jannazzo, New York; 9, Mike Kaplan, Boston.

LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—1, Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia; 2, Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.; 3, Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Texas.

Group 2—1, Dave Castilloux, Montreal; 2, Lenny Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio; 3, Ray Lunny, San Francisco; 4, Juan Zorita, Mexico City; 5, Leo Rodak, Chicago; 6, Aldo Spoldi, Italy; 7, Willie Joyce, Chicago; 8, George Latka, San Jose, Calif.; 9, Eric Boon, England; 10, Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.; 11, Nick Castiglione, Chicago.

FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—Chalky Wright, Los Angeles.

Group 2—1, Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh; 2, Richie Lemos, Los Angeles; 3, Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico; 4, Harry Jeffra, Baltimore; 5, Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Lake City, S. C.; 6, Sal Bartolo, Boston; 7, Bobby (Poison) Ivy, Hartford, Conn.; 8, Mike Raffa, Weirton, W. Va.; 9, Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.; 10, Jackie Callura, Toronto; 11, Guy Serean, Nanticoke, Pa.; 12, Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.; 13, Nel Tarleton, England; 14, Georgie Pace, Cleveland; 15, Lou Transparenti, Baltimore; 16, Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.

BANTAMWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—1, Kui Kong Young, Hawaii; 2, Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles; 3, Lou Salica, Brooklyn; 4, Rush Dalma, Philippines; 5, Tony Olivera, Oakland, Calif., 6, Jim Brady, Scotland; 7, Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio; 8, Kid Tanner, British Guiana; 9, Jimmy Stubbs, England; 10, Tommy Forte, Philadelphia; 11, Ken Lindsay, Vancouver, B. C.; 12, Horace Mann, San Jose, Calif.; 13, Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.

FLYWEIGHT DIVISION

Group 1—1, Jackie Paterson, Scotland; 2, Little Dado, Philippines; 3, Luis Castillo, Cuba.

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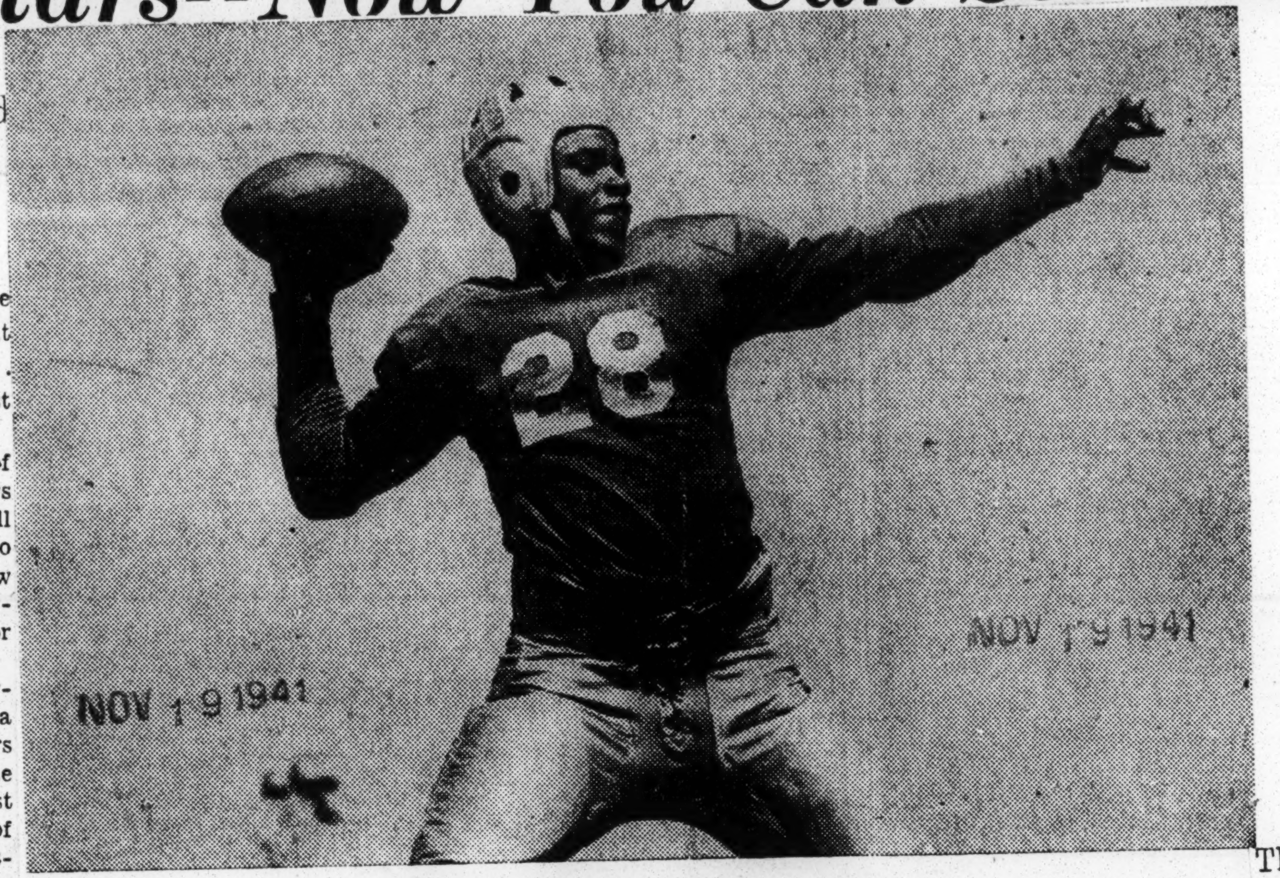
Kenny, Jackie, Brud--You Know These Great Negro Stars--Now You Can See Them Here



JACKIE ROBINSON, EX-U.C.L.A. ACE

All-Star 11 Faces Grid Yankees at Polo Grounds Nov. 30

By Nat Low

Sunday, November 30, will be one of the biggest days that New York has ever seen. . . . And it has seen the very best of them.

On that day, a collection of some of the greatest Negro stars ever to pull on cleated shoes, will trot out on the turf of the Polo Grounds and engage the New York grid Yankees of the American Association in a game for charity.

It will mark the first appearance in the metropolitan area of these great Negro All-Stars and will afford grid fans the opportunity of seeing the almost legendary Kenny Washington, of UCLA, one of the greatest passers and triple-threat backs ever developed in America; Brud Holland, one of the real all-time, All-America ends from Cornell; the speedy, swivel-hipped Jackie Robinson, also of UCLA; and Lou Montgomery, sensational half-back star of last year's unbeaten Boston College team.

Other great Negro gridders who will play with the All-Stars are Bernie Jefferson, line smashing back from Northwestern; Jim Walker, University of Iowa's stellar left tackle; Wilmedth Sidat Singh, former All-American from Syracuse; Charlie Anderson, Ohio State end; Archie Harris, All-Conference end at Indiana in '38, '39 and '40; Dolly King, end of LIU; Woody Strode of UCLA; Jimmy Smith fleet end from Northwestern; Moselle Ellebe, Tuskegee Institute end; Joe Lillard, All-West Coast halfback from Oregon University, Ozzie Simmons, smashing lineman from Iowa, and Hugh Walker, halfback at West Virginia Teacher's College.

The Negro All-Star-Yankee game will mark the first time a team made up of the outstanding Negro football players in the country will appear in a major stadium. . . . The Yankee squad will be composed of outstanding ex-college stars, and other players culled from the pro and collegiate ranks to contribute their talents for the affair.

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the charity committee in charge of the game. Earlier in the week Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was named Honorary Chairwoman of the committee.

Brud Holland and Kenny Washington will coach the Negro All-Stars, while the pro Yankees are coached by Jack Wallace and Benny Friedman. . . . The Yankees have just signed two of the Negro stars, Joe Lillard, former Oregon halfback, and Hugh Walker, star back from Storer College in West Virginia, but for the All-Star game they will switch back to the Negro team.

Beneficiary of the proceeds of the game will be the Associated Football Charities, Inc., which will distribute the funds to various Negro, Catholic and Jewish charitable organizations.

Benny Friedman, famous All-American star, now coaching at CCNY and acting as advisory coach to the Yankees, has taken an active part in organizing details of the game and will continue to devote his efforts to make the game a bang-up success.

The game should be a tremendous attraction for the city's fans. . . . From every part of the country the Negro stars are heading to New York to join the squad. . . . Their number will be at least 35 players. . . . They will train at Randall's Island Stadium.

Kenny Washington's exploits are well known to grid fans. . . . In 1938 he threw the longest completed pass in the history of the grid game, 75 yards. . . . He was one of the most popular players ever to perform on the coast. . . . At the end of his career with UCLA, in 1939, 100,-000 spectators in the Los Angeles Coliseum, stood up as one and gave Kenny a roaring ovation as he trotted off the field a minute before the final gun.

Brud Holland of Cornell was rated by hundreds of experts to be one of the greatest ends of all time. . . . He was on practically every All-Team in the nation.

New York will proudly welcome the Negro All-Stars. It will be a great day for the big city.

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Louis Would Fight For Armed Forces All Through '42

Champ, Going Into Army After Baer Fight, Will Get Furloughs for Further Bouts

DEC 24 1941

Joe Louis, beginning to train yesterday at Greenwood Lakes for his January 9th bout with Buddy Baer, said he would be willing to continue fighting for nothing all through 1942 if it went to the country's armed forces. He is due to go into the army next month, but it is expected he will receive a furlough for another bout.

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Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

RING RATINGS FOR 1940

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Heavyweights

(Group 1) JOE LOUIS, Detroit. (Group 2) 1—Max Baer, California; 2—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh. (Group 3) 1—Arturo Godoy, Chile; 2—Red Burman, Baltimore; 3—Buddy Baer, California; 4—Lee Savold, St. Paul, Minn.; 5—BUDDY WALKER, Columbus, O.; 6—Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia; 7—Tommy Farr, England; 8—Lou Nova, Oakland, California.

Light Heavyweights

(Group 1) Billy Conn, Pittsburgh. (Group 2) 1—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.; 2—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.; 3—JIMMY WEBB, St. Louis, Mo.; 4—Teddy Yaresz, Pittsburgh; 5—Anton Christoforditis, of Greece; 6—Tommy Tucker, New York.

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Middleweights

(Group 1) 1—Ken Overlin, Washington, D. C.; 2—Tony Zale, Gary, Ind.; 3—Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa. (Group 2) 1—JIMMY BIVINS, Cleveland; 2—Steve Belloise, New York; 3—ARCHIE MOORE, St. Louis; 4—Ron Richards, Australia; 5—Tami Mauriello, New York; 6—Georgia Abrams, Washington, D. C.; 7—Al Hostak, Seattle; 8—Ceferino Garcia, Phillippines; 9—Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.; 10—Coley Welch, Portland, Me.

Welterweights

Group 1 HENRY (Hank) ARMSTRONG, Los Angeles. (Group 2) 1—Izzy Jannazzo, Brooklyn; 2—CHARLEY BURLEY, Pittsburgh; 3—CO-COA KID, New Haven; 4—Mike Kaplan, Boston; 5—Maxie Berger; Montreal; 6—Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn.; 7—HOLMAN WILLIAMS, Detroit; 8—Lou Ambers, Herkimer, N. Y.

Lightweights

(Group 1) — Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Tex.; 2—Sammy Angott, Louisville, Ky.; 3 — BOB MONTGOMERY, Philadelphia; 4—Dave Castilloux, Montreal. (Group 2) 1—JACKIE WILSON, Los Angeles; 2—George Latka, San Francisco; 3—Tobby Vigil; Los Angeles; 4—Leo Rodak, Chicago; 5—Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn.; 6—Pete Lello, Chicago; 7—Billy Marquart, Winnipeg; 8—Julie Kogon, New Haven, Conn.; 9—Aldo Spoldi, Italy.

Featherweights

(Group 1) 1—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore; 2—CHALKY WRIGHT, Los Angeles; 3—Pete Scalzo, New York. (Group 2) 1—Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.; 2—Joe Marinelli, Dayton, O.; 3—Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans; 4—Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I. 5—Sal Bartola, Boston; 6—Simon Chaxez, Venezuela; 7—Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico; 8—Richard Lemos, Los Angeles; 9—Everett Rightmire, Sioux City, Ia.; 10—Bobby Ivy, Hartford, Conn.

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Bantamweights

(Group 1) — Tony Olivera, Oakland, Cal.; 2—Lou Salica, Brooklyn, N. Y.; (Group 2) 1A—Tommy Forte, Philadelphia; 2—Kuikong Young, Hawaii; 3—Kid Tanner, British Guiana; 4—Chick Delaney, Oakland, Cal.; 5—Rush Dalma, Phillipines; 6—GEORGIE PACE, Cleveland; 7—Peter Kane, England; 8—Pablo Dano, Philippines; 9—K. O. Morgan, Detroit; 10 — Aurel Toma, Rumania.

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Flyweights

(Group 1) 1—Jackie Peterson, Scotland; 2—Little Pancho, Philippines; 3—Little Dado, Philippines; 4—Enrico Urbinati, Italy.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Morris Brown Takes Nat'l Grid Honors

JAN 1 1 1941

By J. C. Chunn

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, (Steel Bowl)—Displaying all the brilliancy that has made them the toast of the nation in colored football, Morris Brown rolled on to a national championship in the "Steel Bowl" New Year's Day, by deafeating the heretofore undefeated Wilberforce College eleven by the one-sided score of 19-3 to make it a grand-slam this year, winning three minor titles, city, conference and national champs.

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Rated a light favorite before the game, Wilberforce lived true to expectation in the early part of the first quarter when they capitalized on three penalties to drive the ball deep in Morris Brown territory. They were checked on the Wolvervine seven-yard line, but the famous Schnelby, All-American tackle for the Green Wave, kicked a perfect placement goal to lead the Atlantans by three points. This score seemed to infuriate the Wolverines because from then on they looked to be in the ball game by themselves as they so cleanly outclassed the Northerners the remainder of the contest as nearly 10,000 fans looked on spell-bound at the perfect execution of plays by the Big Purple aggregation.

Moody Scores

In the last seven minutes of the first quarter, Moody, the Morris Brown All-American fullback, raced from his 24-yard line to pick up 12 yards. On the next play Wilberforce was penalized for unnecessary roughing. Moody, added 13 yard spinner to place the ball on Wilberforce 36-yard line. Joseph Jenkins, widely heralded tailback and All-American for Morris Brown, reeled off the Gold and Green clad warriors from Xenia, Ohio. Morris Brown was on her way to the national undisputed championship. There was no more scoring in the first half, but Morris Brown came back in the third quarter to score again. Norris, Wilberforce backfield star, fumbled on his 13-yard line. Captain Gerald Brown playing his stellar alert game recover for the Wolverines. Moody who had not started the second half was substituted and on a spinner broke through for the 13 yards and the second touchdown. He missed the point, making the score 13-3.

The final touchdown for Morris Brown came in the fourth quarter with Wilberforce fighting desperately to close the gap. Jenkins, the eel-runner, returned a punt for the Atlantans 65 yards in the greatest piece of broken field running witnessed all season. His teammates aided him with great blocking, but it was his maneuvering out of would-be-tacklers' arms in sensational fashion that made him the most outstanding halfback of the day. Moody's try for the point hit the goal post and went wild to end the scoring at 19-3. Fumbles later on in the final quarter prevented another Morris Brown score when Durham, in his last game for Morris Brown and will graduate this spring, fumbled the ball on the Wilberforce 1-yard line. Wilberforce recovered and prevented another sure touchdown for the Wolverines.

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The Line-up

Pos.	Morris Brown	Wilberforce
L.E.	M.Grimes	Bell
L.T.	Settles	Schnelby
L.G.	Griffin	L. Carter
Cen.	C.Brown	Fuller
R.G.	Shepard	Hoffman
R.T.	Wysinger	Cornwell
R.E.	G.Brown	Ross
Q.B.	Durham	Proctor
L.H.	Jenkins	Castleman
R.H.	Mitchell	Hart
F.B.	Moody	C.Brown

Score by periods:

Morris Brown College	7	0	6	6	—19
Wilberforce University	3	0	0	0	— 3

Officials—G. H. Lennon (Bluefield), referee; M. Fort (Boston U), umpire; T. Gaston (Tennessee State), headlineman; Frank Young (Chicago), field judge.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Morris Brown Tops Wilberforce Team In Steel Bowl, 19-3

8,000 See Atlanta Team Roll Over Negro Eleven From Chicago

JAN 2 1941

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Morris Brown of Atlanta, a swift-striking football machine, rolled over Wilberforce University 19-3 here today in the first annual Steel Bowl game.

Approximately 8,000 fans attended the inaugural contest, which a Steel Bowl committee plans as an annual New Year's Day clash between the nation's leading negro football teams.

Wilberforce, mid-West, champions, scored first when Bill Schnebly, 266-pound tackle, booted a field goal from the 7-yard line after a 20-yard punt return by James Hart.

But from there out Morris Brown piled up increasing evidence of decisive superiority in every phase of play.

The Southern champions, who claimed the national negro title after today's victory, rumbled to their first touchdown shortly after Schnebly's field goal, with big John Moody cracking the line for a series of first downs. From the Wilberforce 33, Joe Jenkins, 163-pound rabbit back, swept right end on a double reverse to a touchdown. Moody converted.

In the third period, Pershing Norris fumbled Cecil Franklin's punt on the Wilberforce 13. Gerald Brown recovered for Morris Brown. Moody went over in one smashing plunge.

Jenkins struck with a lightning thrust in the fourth, when he took Schnebly's punt on his own 35 and darted 65 yards for the third score behind strategic blocking by Willis Griffin, Morris Brown guard.

The Atlanta team dominated play throughout the contest, hovering in scoring territory much of the time. Haywod Settles and William Wysinger, Morris Brown tackles, and Gerald Brown, end, figured prominently in stopping the Ohio attack. Wilberforce's end, Troy Ross, Shelton Bell, and Charles Lofton, were outstanding defensively.

Lineups and summary:

Wilberforce	Pos.	Morris Brown
Bell	LE	Gerald Brown (c)
Cornwell	LT	Settles
Hoeffman	LG	Shepherd
Fuller	C	Clarence Brown
Carter (c)	RG	Griffin
Schnebly	RT	Wysinger
Ross	RE	Gimers
Proctor	QB	Durham
Castleman	LH	Jenkins
Hart	RH	Mitchell
Clifton Brown	FB	Moody

Score by periods:

Wilberforce	3	0	0	0	— 3
Morris Brown	7	0	6	6	—19

Scoring: Wilberforce, field goal, Schnebly (from placement). Morris Brown, touchdowns, Jenkins 2, Moody. Extra point: Moody (from placement.)

Referee, G. H. Lennon, (Bluefield Teachers College;) umpire, M. Forte Boston University; field judge, Frank A. Young, Chicago Defender; head lineman, T. R. Caston, Tennessee State.

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New York, N. Y.

On The Score Board

Postman Brings A Knock And a Boost

JAN 21 1941

By Lester Rodney

Here's a letter protesting our story that preceeded the Armstrong-Zivic fight.

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Lester Rodney,
Sports Dept.,
Daily Worker.

We want to register an emphatic protest against your article preceeding the Zivic-Armstron fight. We had not expected articles of that type to be printed in the Daily Worker, least of all by the sports editor.

While you may disagree (so did we) with the match being arranged, for very many good reasons, that's no argument for developing a negative, nagging, "parental" attitude towards Henry right up to the last day of the fight. You were so indignantly righteous that you couldn't find it in you to give some words of encouragement from your "talented" pen.

In the history of past events, there have been cases of futile struggles entered into by certain sections of workers, but once embarked on the road, with no possibility of RETREAT, the job was to encourage them and not SCOLD them.

We don't believe that we are vulgarizing in this analogy. The effect of your articles on Henry certainly could have only one effect and that to discourage a valiant, though misguided fighter. We want to thank you for your special bit in making his defeat a little more bitter.

We know that the real thing that pushed Henry into this fight was the rotten setup in the sports field, where athletes are sucked dry by managers, etc. But we expect from the Daily Worker sports page a sympathetic understanding attitude towards the individual involved.

We are greatly disappointed.

BIJOU SPORTS CLUB,
D.C.P., M.O.P., M.K., M.J., A.L., H.T., P.J.S.

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I'm sorry if the pre fight stories erred on the side of nagging and scolding Henry in a negative way.

Knowing Armstrong over the years, I knew that the fight was a bad one for him to have made, but as the readers suggest, once the fight was made and the fists had to be thrown, there was nothing especially helpful to one who had to do the throwing and catching in shaking one's head mournfully right up to the battle.

However, it was necessary for the Daily Worker to point out that which the other papers studiously avoided, the obvious fact (**agreed to by the writers of the letter**) that he was pushed into this last fight and encouraged to make it by a manager who put the gate receipts above Armstrong's welfare. And unless we were to try to kid the public, we had to appraise the fight realistically as to its almost certain result. Even to the point of disagreeing directly with Henry's own by-lined story written for us before the fight. But if in doing all this we went over too far and gave the impression of discouraging his actual valiant efforts against great physical odds, we certainly rate the censure of the letter. And thanks to its writers for pointing it out.

Those Obituary Notices

Henry is "through," yes, but only with the prize ring. From the tone of some of the obituary-like slobbering and patronizing farewells you'd imagine that this talented and intelligent young man of 28 was being permanently buried. That all he was or can be is a "fighting machine." Armstrong's life is just beginning. He's young, possessed with lots of talent, perseverance and a desire to help his people and all underprivileged people. He knows what his fistic feats have symbolized for the 13 million Americans who face Jim Crow every day of their lives. As for the fighting game that you'd imagine was his whole existence from the tenor of some of the "goodbye" stories, he once wrote:

"We're not mad at each other
We're just fighting for the things we need."

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Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

A Champion Passes

JAN 25 1941

Henry Armstrong fought wha should be his last fight at Madisor Square Garden last Friday night. He fought and lost gloriously.

A few months ago, Armstrong held three pugilistic titles simultaneously—an unprecedented accomplishment. Fritzie Zivic, his conqueror on Friday, had taken his last title early in October. One had been lost previously in combat; the other relinquished because of weight difficulties.

Every champion is made of mortal stuff, though he may achieve quasi-immortality. It is ordained that he who conquers must himself one day be conquered.

We do not detract one whit from the prowess of Zivic when we say that, in his two triumphs over Armstrong, he reaped the fruits of the cumulative thwarted efforts of dozens of Armstrong's earlier opponents. They had battered into being the scar tissue which could not dam the rebellious flow of blood, they had bruised the eyes that no longer would withstand the friction of harsh leather, they had absorbed that amazing energy whose mysterious source was bound to dry up.

But in one closing flurry, Armstrong stood off the inevitable and showed his fans for the last time a glimpse of the great fighter that was. It was a thrilling, courageous exhibition. And it was equally futile and inadequate.

With his last title unregained, banished by the flesh from further battle, Henry Armstrong quits boxing. His glory and stature are undiminished. His contributions to the esteem of his race and boxing are recognized widely. His place among ring greats already is secure.

Although he will fight no more, Henry Armstrong will not be forgotten as a gentleman and as a fighter.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Jackie Robinson Star In Cage Tilt

JAN 18 1941

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Jackie Robinson, amazing U.C.L.A. all-around athlete, beat the San Francisco Dons basketball team here. How about the other members of Robinson's team?

They were there and they did yeoman service, but it was the lanky Jackie who kept the Uclans abreast of the fast, hard-shooting Dons—and it was our Jackie who pulled a hovie finish to cinch the game with a spectacular heave as the gun sounded, giving the U. C. L. A. boys a 55-53 verdict.

Ten seconds before the end of the actual game, Jackie flicked a beauty into the basket, tying the score at 46-46.

In the five-minute overtime period, the 'Frisco heavers leaped to the fore with a four-point edge. Going into the last few seconds, Robinson intercepted a Don pass and looped the big apple in a beautiful arc towards the basket. The crowd gasped and shivered as the sphere settled smoothly into the basket, kicking the Uclans onto final pay dirt as the gun sounded.

Jackie was cheered to the rafters, and such ardent applause must be sweet to the lanky one's ears after ending his football career so lugubriously.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Zivic Replaces Cochrane In Fight With Robinson

OCT 18 1941

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced Monday that Ray Robinson, Harlem's fast rising young lightweight, had been signed to meet Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight champion, in a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 31. Zivic is substituting for Freddie "Red" Cochrane, welterweight boss, who was originally signed to box Robinson.

Curt Horrman, who pilots Robinson, announced that his sensational fighter, Robinson, would confine his future activities to the

Welterweight,

OCT 18 1941

RAY ROBINSON

welterweight class as he can no longer make the required lightweight limit of 135 pounds. Ray weighed 141 pounds when he trimmed Marty Servo in Philadelphia in his last bout.

Robinson, a former Golden Gloves lightweight champion, has compiled a formidable record since turning professional. He has won 25 consecutive bouts, 20 of them by the k. o. route. Ray also whipped Angott, the N. B. A. lightweight ruler in an overweight match recently.

OCT 18 1941

Cochrane informed the New York Athletic Commission by telegram that he would not go through with the bout unless his manager, Willie Gilzenburg, now under a six months suspension, was re-instated.

Robinson left New York on Saturday morning for Greenwood Lake where he will train for the fight. He was accompanied by George Gainsford, his trainer.

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Harris Breaks Discus Mark In NCAA Meet

Barney Ewell Wins Double In California

PALO ALTO, Cal. (ANP)—After flirting with the record all during the outdoors season, Archie Harris of Indiana let fly a tremendous heave of the discus recently in the National Collegiate Athletic association track meet to set a new world mark of 174 feet 8 3-4 inches. The accepted universal standard is 174 feet 2½ inches made in 1935 by Willi Schroder of Germany.

The big Hoosier senior's best previous mark was 174 feet, 1 inch, a new American record made in the Big 10 meet at Minneapolis a few weeks ago. Harris, after setting the discus mark, concentrated Saturday on the shot put, his other specialty, and was second with a mark of 51 feet 4 inches behind Al Blozis of Georgetown who won at 54 feet 10½ inches.

Barney Ewell, the Penn State flash, was a double winner taking the 100 yard dash in 9.6 seconds and winning the 20 in 21.1 seconds. He was defending champion in both events. Culp of Xavier was third in the mile race won by Leslie MacMitchell of New York University in 4:10.4 and W. A. Arrington of Michigan State was in a six way tie for sixth in the high jump at 6 feet 2 3-8 inches.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Xavier Star Paces Juniors to 7 Titles

By ART CARTER
AFRO Sports Editor

(Pictures and Other Stories on Page 20)

PHILADELPHIA

Deprived of a single AAU trophy last year, bronzed cinderpath notables withstood a terrific battle of speed, stamina and brawn in competition with the nation's best track and field athletes on the sun-baked cinders of Franklin Field, Sunday, to capture two of the 19 National Senior Amateur Athletic Union Championships in the sixty-sixth annual running of the traditional carnival, which attracted 25,000 fans—the largest crowd ever to see an AAU meet in its long history.

Determined Norwood (Barney) Ewell, Penn State's collegiate sprint champion, and Archie Harris, world's record holder in the discus, are the two new 1941 senior champions, having won titles in their favorites—the 100 meters and the platter throwing event. Ewell equalled the meet mark of 10.3 seconds, while Harris hurled the disc 167 feet, 9½ inches.

But that is only half of the story, for on Saturday, the opening day of the gigantic two-day athletic extravaganza, lean, little Eddie Culp of Xavier University, from far away New Orleans, led a gallant band of colored stars to seven championships in the National Junior AAU Championships, which likewise lured a record-smashing throng of 12,000 in spite of the blistering 95-degree heat. In all, the colored sensations amassed a total of nine championships.

Set 1500 Mark

Culp, a Xavier junior, from Chicago's Englewood High School, was the only sepia record breaker. The 21-year-old Southern Conference champion, who two weeks ago broke into the national picture with a third place achievement in the National Collegiates, copped the junior crown with a 3:55.1 performance in the 1500-meter run. Culp's time clipped a full second off the old mark set by John Munski in 1939.

Another youngster from a Dixie school, Ernest Marshall, protege of Bill O'Shields, of Fort Valley State College, of Georgia, pulled a stunning upset by taking the junior 400 meters in the spectatular time of 48 seconds flat.

Dixon Takes 5000

And just to prove that the sepia boys can do as well in the distances as in the shorter races, Harlem's promising Frank Dixon, schoolboy champion from Monroe High, N.Y., ran his opponents in the ground for a triumph in the junior 5000 meters. Dixon led all the way to win in 16:06.1.

Eddie Greenidge, another Harlem lad, stepped to victory in the junior 200 meters, winning in 0:21.5 and carrying the colors of the New York Pioneer Club. Arthur P. Hall, Staten Island (N.Y.) Harriers, captured the junior title in the 3000-meter walk, an event which only the AAU stages.

Double Victor

The other two junior crowns won by colored athletes went to hefty Clarence Lewis, of Rankin C.C., just outside of Pittsburgh. Lewis, only colored double winner, scored in the junior broad jump and running hop, step and jump.

In the broad jump, Lewis, who plans to return to Pittsburgh University in the fall, leaped 24 feet ½ inch, and his mark of 47 feet 3 inches, with stood the onslaughts of other competitors in the hop, step and jump.

Woodruff Cleans Up

Led by Lieut. John Woodruff, the mighty 1936 Olympic 800-meter champion and former Pitt captain, the army boys from Fort Ontario, Oswego, N.Y., cleaned up for everything in the special military events. Woodruff, hailed by a thunderous ovation from the crowd, ran the anchor quarter in 0:49.3, as his quartet won the mile relay in 3:24.9. His teammates, in the order they ran, were Lieut. Daniel Carney, Sgt. Joseph Radcliffe and Sgt. William Cuffey.

In the 400-meter relay, for service men, the Fort Ontario team stepped the distance in 44.6, with Corp. John Hardy, Pvt. Reuben Meadows, Sgt. John Radcliffe Herbert Douglass, Xavier freshman, was sixth, at 22 feet 7½ inches.

Batiste Second

Joe Batiste, the Tucson, Ariz., timber-topper, who held the AAU title as a schoolboy wonder, was second behind flying Fred Wolcott, who equalled the world record in the 110-meter high hurdles with a 13.7 performance. Batiste pushed Wolcott all the way, but stumbled near the tape and barely saved second place.

In the 200-meter low hurdles, which Wolcott won in 22.8 seconds, two-tenths off the world mark, Batiste was third. Walter Revel, Kansas State Teachers' College, was sixth in both events, gaining the place automatically with the best time of the non-qualifiers in the two heats.

Frank Dixon, the New York scholastic sensation, was fourth in the senior 5000 meters won by Gregory Rice of South Bend, Ind., in 14:45.6.

Culp Tries Again

Culp, the sensational Xavier miler, who stepped into national fame on Saturday iwth a 3:55.1 victory for a new record in the junior championships, made a great try in the senior event on Sunday, but had to be content with third place behind New York University's Leslie MacMitchell and Wisconsin's Walter Mehl, who ran one-two.

MacMitchell won in 3:53.1, with Culp 12 yards in the rear with a 3:54.5 performance for third. The Xavier ace trailed the leaders on the first two laps, moved into fifth place on the third go-round, then raced to the front on the first turn on the gun lap. He led MacMitchell by four yards for a good 25 yards, but the early bid and the torrid heat was too much for his lean, 135-pound frame and MacMitchell, ran him into the ground on the backstretch, with Mehl easing in for second position.

As it was, Clup's third place effort was 1.4 seconds better than his Saturday's winning mark, and it had to be in the classy field of ten, which included every champion of any note in the country.

Ewell 1st Victor

To Norwood (Barney) Ewell went the honor of winning the first senior championship, as the Penn State thunderbolt dethroned his Pacific Coast nemesis, Harold Davis, white, of the Olympic Club in the 100-meter run. Ewell, shooting out of the holes like a bullet, went into the lead and was never overtaken, winning the event in 10.3 seconds, which equalled the meet mark and the Olympic record held by Eddie Tolan.

Davis was second, two yards behind, with Peyton Jordan, Southern California A.A., third; Bill Brown, Louisiana State, fourth; Herbert Douglass, Xavier, fifth, and Dick Nelson, Wiley College, sixth.

Hal Sinclair, Southern California A.C., and Edward Greenidge, New York schoolboy champion, were eliminated in the trial

heats, while Leo Tarrant, the Alabama State and Central AAU champion, failed to compete because of an injured leg sustained in Saturday's junior dash race.

Davis Wins

In the longer 200-meter run, Ewell was beaten by an eyelash in a blanket finish that the 25,000 fans weren't privileged to see inasmuch as the 200-meter event finish is under the stands at the southeast side of the field. As the finalists, which included three other colored sprinters, came out of the shoot at the west end, Ewell was third, but moved up like a bullet at the midway mark and appeared to be in the van as the runners went out of sight.

The judges' verdict, however, was Harold Davis, first; Ewell, second; Peyton Jordan, third, with Herbert Douglass, of Xavier; Dick Nelson, of Wiley, and Hal Sinclair, of Olympic Club, sixth. The time was 20.4 seconds, which bettered the old mark for the distance around one turn and equalled last year's winning time by Davis.

and Sgt. Thomas Carey carrying the baton.

The 100-meter sprint for military men was won by Sgt. Carey, in 10.8, with Corp. Hardy, second, giving the Fort Ontario gang complete domination of the army events.

Berry Third

That was the bulk of Saturday's outstanding achievements, so it is well to turn to Sunday's glorious accomplishments, which were many for the black brigade, notwithstanding the fact that they copped only a duo of championships.

For instance, in the high jump, Adam (Chet) Berry of Southern University leaped 6 feet 8¾ inches, his best competitive height, but it was good for only third. Bill Stewart and Les Steers, the two white sensations from the Pacific Coast, equalled Dave Albritton's and Cornelius Johnson's joint world mark of 6 feet 9¾ inches to finish one-two, Stewart winning under the AAU fewer misses rule. Both tried at 6 feet, 11 inches for a new record but missed.

Joshua Williamson of Xavier, was fourth, with a leap of 6 feet 5½ inches.

Herbert Outclassed

And, in the 400 meters, Jim Herbert, former New York University ace, now carrying the Grand Street Boys' Club colors, ran his fastest 400 meters, but couldn't get better than fifth.

Grover Klemmer of the Olympic Club, won the event in 46 seconds flat for a new world's record. The second and third men, Hubert Kerns and Cliff Bourland, were clocked in 46.1, with the fourth man, Alfred L. Dieblot, in 46.4, which means that Herbert must have done about 46.9 for fifth place about four yards behind. Officials only clocked the first four men.

In the 400-meter trials, Ernest Marshall, Fort Valley State College, was eliminated by one foot Marshall, who won the junior event on Saturday in 49 flat, was fourth in the second heat won by Kerns in 48.5. Only one foot separated the first four men and Marshall was timed in 48.6, which eliminated him for the finals. Herbert was third in the first heat, won by Bourland in 47.1, while Robert Wingo of Wayne University was sixth and a non-qualifier.

Borican Second

Johnny Borican battled furiously for the 800-meter run championship but lost out in the stretch as Charles (Chuck) Beetham overtook him down the straightaway and raced to victory by three yards. Borican led the eight-man field after the first 70 yards and was in front by two yards at the gun lap. Beetham, defending champion, did 1:50.2, two-tenths off the meet record held by John Woodruff, while Borican was timed in 1:51.1, Beetham's winning time last year. Borican represented the Asbury Park A.A. of New Jersey.

Archie Harris was up to his best form in the discus, his winning hurl of 167 feet 9½ inches being nearly eight feet lower than his world mark of last week. It was just enough to dethrone Phil Fox, 1940 champion, who was second with a distance of 167 feet 8⅜ inches. Harris was also fourth in the shot put, with a heave of 49 feet ½ inch.

Gordan Still Placing

Lewis, the double winner in the juniors, was fourth in the senior hop, step and jump, with 45 feet 8½ inches, and second in the broad jump with a runner-up leap of 24 feet ¾ inch. Bill Brown, white, of Louisiana State, won both events with a new meet and American citizens' record of 50 feet 11½ inches in the former.

Ed Gordon, 1932 Olympic champion and perennial AAU contestant, scored in his sixteenth consecutive meet with a fifth place jump of 23 feet 3¼ inches.

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There's A Joe Louis In Russia Too, But He Is A Wrestler

MOSCOW.—(By Chatwood Hall for ANP)—The "Joe Louis of the Russian mat" is what sport fans all over Russia label Paul Robeson's brother-in-law, Frank Goode. And he has fully earned this designation, for, like the real Joe Louis, he has taken on all comers in and near his weight class during the seven years that he has spent on Russian mats.

Coming to Soviet Russia in 1934, Mr. Goode's powerful and husky physique immediately attracted the attention of the trainer and leader of a group of Soviet exhibition wrestlers. Mr. Goode stands over six feet tall and weighs 275 pounds. He was immediately engaged and has since appeared in over 100 cities all over the country.

As he had had no previous wrestling experience in America, having been a railroader, it was necessary to put him through a period of training. After he had been put into good form, he was sent on the road with a group of heeavy and experienced Soviet tusslers. He has now developed into a skilled wrestler and is the center of attraction wherever he appears. The most popular form of wrestling here, he said, is the Greco-Roman style.

"Wrestling in Soviet Russia is not a commercial proposition," said Mr. Goode, who is spending his regular vacation in Moscow. It is a form of physical culture and exhibition of prowess. Wrestlers here do not find themselves exploited for fat purses and big gates. We are paid a regular salary, with our expenses paid, get annual vacations with pay and enjoy all of the benefits and protections of social insurance."

Mr. Goode states that his line has benefitted him physically, despite the fact that he is "around 40 years old." This has been possible, he explained, because of the lack of commercialism in Soviet sports. It is the commercialism and profit-seeking which soon wears out wrestlers and pugilists in other countries. In Soviet Russia there is no feeling of enmity or grudge between contestants. No effort is made at bone breaking or otherwise injuring one's opponent. Also there are strict rules against any shady or underhand tricks, holds or grapples.

"My fellow wrestlers treat me as one of their brothers," remarked Mr. Goode. "Of course, on the mat we give our best within the rules and see that our spectators are pleased. But after our contests we spend our time socially together and live, eat and stroll together as the social equals that we are."

That he would not have taken to wrestling with white wrestlers in America, was his opinion. He based this on the fact that not only would the wrestlers been inimical toward him, but he believes that the spectators also would have been not friendly.

He admits that wrestling is a strenuous sport, but quickly adds that the attitude of Russia audiences toward him is a pleasure and takes some of the strenuousity out of the contests. Mr. Goode says that he has never heard anyone here make even the slightest unfavorable remark of reflection about his race and color.

On some occasions, he said the referee invites some volunteer from among the spectators to come onto the mat to wrestle with any member of his group of wrestlers. It was from among such volunteers that he had his stiffest tussle. Once while his group was performing in the Donbas coal mining district a husky coal miner volunteered to take him on. "This coal miner should have been a wrestler, because he certainly had the makings of a mat man," Mr. Goode said. "Our tussle ended in a deadlock, to the great delight of the entire audience."

With such a powerful physique, Mr. Goode would have made a real Joe Louis or a crashing halfback had he taken to the ring, or like his famous brother-in-law, to the gridiron, is the concensus of opinion of Russian fans. He has all of the makings, such as weight, stamina and muscle power. But he is no less a success as a wrestler in Soviet Russia.

Mr. Goode is the son of Mrs. E. C. Goode of New York. His sister is Mrs. Paul Robeson.

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BORICAN ANNEXES FIVE-EVENT TITLE

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Becomes Only One to Gain U. S. Pentathlon and Decathlon Crowns in Same Year

FAILS TO WIN SINGLE TEST

But Scores 3,244 Points to 3,157 for Williamson, Who Finishes in Second Place

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 19 (AP)—Johnny Borican of the Asbury Park A. C., won the National A. A. U. pentathlon championship today at Warinanco Park. Borican, who last July took the decathlon event, became the first athlete ever to win these two crowns in the same year.

The middle-distance running star, who captured the pentathlon in 1938 and 1939, rolled up 3,244 points today, which compared favorably with the American record of 3,304 he set in 1938.

The Negro runner took third in the broad jump, tied for fifth in the javelin, tied for second in the 200-meter sprint, was third in the discus throw and second in the 1,500-meter run, his specialty.

Danny Dorpe of Union, N. J., representing the Seton Hall A. A., sponsor of the meet, won the 1,500 in 4:19.6, three seconds faster than Borican.

Bob Sovetts, another Seton Hall A. A. entrant, who placed fourth for the day, ran the 200 meters in 0:21.4, a national pentathlon record for the distance. The old mark was 0:21.5. Sovetts also won the broad jump with a leap of 23 feet 2⅝ inches.

Joshua Williamson of the Asbury Park A. C., captured the javelin event with a toss of 183 feet 10⅝ inches, and Eddie Styrna of the University of New Hampshire won in the discus with a throw of 115 feet 1⅛ inches.

The others followed Borican in total points in this order:

Williamson, 3,157; Styrna, 2,986; Sovetts, 2,933; Paul Plummer, Seton Hall, 2,842; Dorpe, 2,688; John Hibbits, Seton Hall, 2,571; Abe Brooks, Fort Monmouth, 2,517; Gus Lampros, Stamford, Conn., 2,480; Bob Carper, Fort Monmouth, 2,228; Bert Silberman, Millrose A. A., New York, 1,502, and Dick Ganslen, Asbury Park (four events), 1,644.

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Satchel Paige Rated One Of Best Pitchers Of His Time

BY FRED WILLIAMS

A newspaper item recently came to my attention relative to an incident which happened down in Porto Rico which I herein quote:

San Juan, P. R. ....."Satchel Paige, famed colored speedball pitcher, was fined and given a year's suspension, according to an announcement issued here last week by Carlos Garcia Noecda, president of the Puerto Rican . Baseball League.

"Paige, who has been the league's best drawing card, has been playing for Guayama and was said to have been using dilatory tactics which delayed a game. He was also accused of throwing the ball over the outfielder's head."

Satchel Paige is undoubtedly one of the best pitchers of his time regardless of color. His best ball which puzzles the batters, is his famous "speedball" which is deceptive because he doesn't employ a full-arm swing to deliver it; it is a snap throw which is delivered by quick motion of the wrist. Paige is a heady pitcher; studies the batter, and usually out guesses him—a fact which has made him one of the most valuable box men in the game. He has pitched against all types of players down in Porto Rico and Cuba and, in post season games in the U. S. A., has bested many of the major leagers. In exhibitions, as well as the National Negro League Games in the East, he has been supreme and has always proved a big drawing card, as the fans of both races attend the games in large numbers when it is advertised that Paige will be on the mound.

Speaking of Satchel Paige as a pitcher brings to mind some of the old timers of former years such as the Jackson Brothers of the Bacaracet Giants of Atlantic City; Chick Malone and Will Toney of the Pacific Black Sox of Nashville, Tenn.

Old timers will recall many of these names: Bud Booker of the Leland Giants of Chicago, Big Ed Gatewood of St. Louis, Steel-arm Johnny Taylor of Birmingham Alabama, Johnny Williams and Petway of the St. Paul Gophers, Crawford of the Minneapolis Keystones, Frank Itsom of the Waco Yellow Jackets; there was Cyclone Joe Williams of San Antonio, Texas who, at the age of 52, pitched a 1-0 game; and Lee Jones and Andrew "Rube" Foster of the Fort Worth Colts, Zack Patilla of the Hot Springs Giants. Edson of the Waco Yellow Jackets was considered a brainy ball player and when his arm went bad, continued the game by playing first base in a remarkable manner.

"RUBE" Foster went from the Fort Worth Colts to the Leland Giants in Chicago, and then became the organizer and manager of the famous American Giants, out of which grew organized Negro Baseball in the Middle West. Foster was an all-round ball player.. fitted into any position—one of the most famous pitchers of his time; not as flashy as his teammate, Walter Ball, but knew how to take advantage of hard-hitting batsmen.

A game was played in the old White Sox Park at 39th and Wentforth still lives in the minds of baseball fans in Chicago. It was between the Leland Giants and "Jake" Stahl's (famous Boston player) All-Star Team. The score was 1-0 in the 9th inning with Foster on the mound. Frankie McMickhols, one of the fastest runners on record, having reached first base on ball, stole second, and then third—only one man was out; Jake Stahl was at the bat; Walter Ball was playing right field when Stahl hit a long fly down the right field baseline which Ball caught, and threw the fast-running McMickhols out at the plate with a perfect throw which enabled the catcher to tag McMickhols out as he came tagging home.

The game was over. The score, 1 to 0, but the fans are still talking about it.

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Outstanding Performer At College Meet

Eddie Dugger Sets New Mark To Win Hurdle Event

By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

NEW YORK CITY—New York University won the team championship in the 65th renewal of the intercollegiate Track and Field Championships at Randall's Island last Friday and Saturday, but it was Penn State's Norwood (Barney) Ewell who walked away with the individual honors.

Ewell, defending champion in both sprints and the broad jump, duplicated his triple victory of a year ago, equalled the meet mark of 9.6 seconds in the century, set a new clocking of 0:20.7 in the 220 and hopped 24 feet 2 3-4 inches, all of which is quite an achievement for one man. He accounted for almost three-fourths of his team's total of 21 19-28 points.

DUGGER SETS RECORD

Eddie Dugger, the Tufts hurdler, who won both timber-topping events a year ago, was able to repeat only in the high hurdles, but he took this event in 14.1 seconds to establish a new meet mark. Harold Stickel of Pittsburgh staged a major upset by nosing out the Tufts track captain in the low hurdles.

George Hagans, of New York University, was a member of the winning New York University mile relay team, sharing honors with three white teammates, Stanford Braum, Harold Bogrow and Leslie McMitchell.

Besides the above, there were other sepia athletes whose deeds were worthy of mention. Clifford Goldstein, of the College of the City of New York, placed third in the two-mile run; Leonard Bates, of New York University, was third in the discus; Walter A. Arrington, and John D. Glenn, Penn State, were among seven who tied for fourth in the high jump.

Gilbert Walker, of Boston College, qualified for the finals of

"BARNEY" EWELL

the 100 yard dash and finished in sixth place against one of the fastest fields to ever toe the mark in the Intercollegiates. Robert Dixon, Rhode Island State, qualified for the 880, and Carl Fields, of St. John's and Hagans, NYU, were finalists in the 440.

Dugger and Ewell started the defense of their crowns in truly brilliant fashion. They hit record clockings in their heats and repeated the operation in the finals. The Tufts hurdler fled over the imbers in the shorter of his the timbers in the shorter of his clipping his own mark of 0:14.3. Then he did the same thing in the final.

The Penn Stater sped over the cinders in the 100-yard dash in a magnificent 9.6 seconds to equal time that Frank Wykoff, once the "world's fastest human," posted ten years ago. Then Ewell touched that same clocking in the final. He beat Bob Jackson of Princeton, Jack Doolan of Georgetown and Fangboner of NYU, that last being an important 2 points for the Violets.

STICKEL SCORES UPSET

But Dugger came a cropper in the low hurdles when Stickel of Pitt, supposedly an invalid with a crippled leg, burst off his blocks so fast that the Tufts Negro never caught him, the Panther winning by three yards in 0:23.1, the second fastest time in the history of the meet.

Ewell, however, was a different story. He came crashing through for his triple (he already had won the broad jump) by slamming to a five-yard victory in the 220-yard dash in the magnificent time of 0:20.7 to erase from the books Charlie Borah's fourteen-year-old record of 0:20.9.

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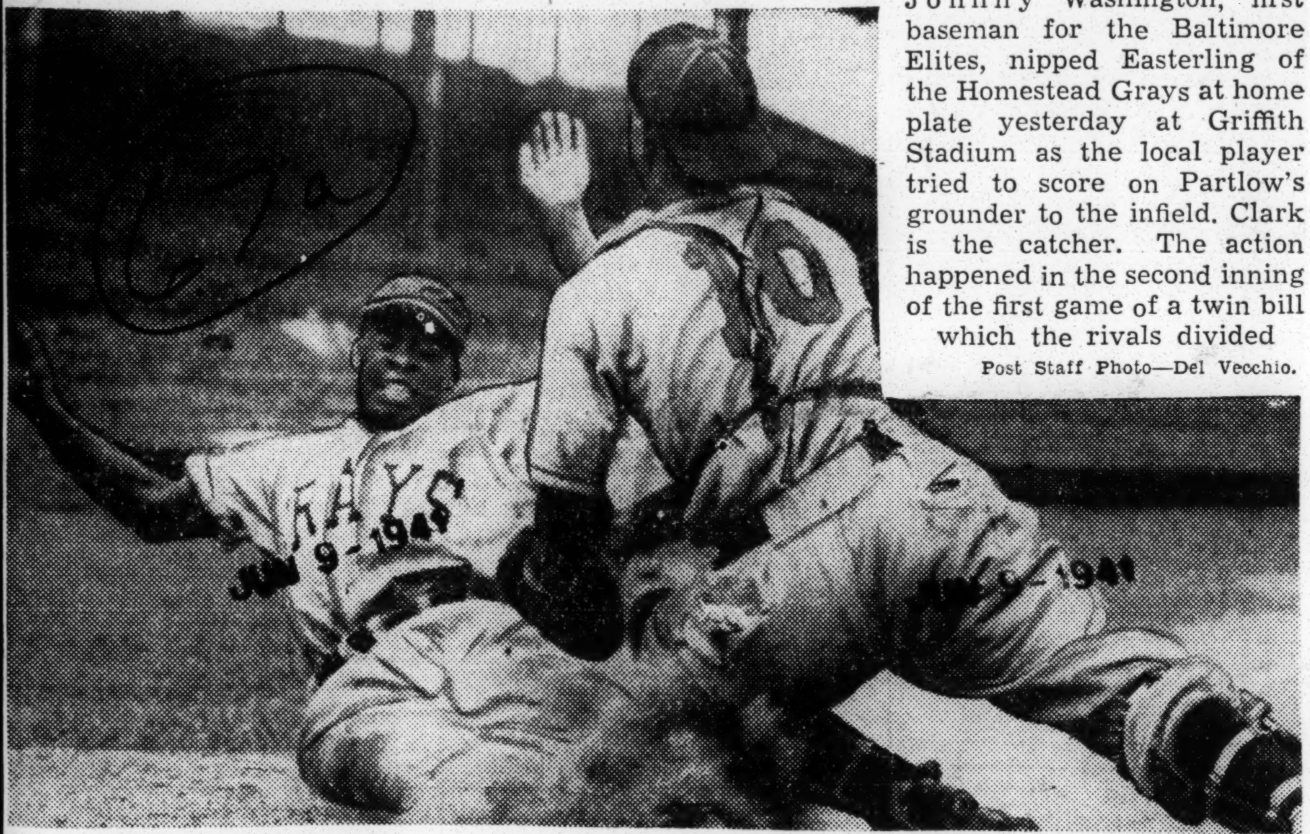
Grays' Runner Out at Home on Close Play



Johnny Washington, first baseman for the Baltimore Elites, nipped Easterling of the Homestead Grays at home plate yesterday at Griffith Stadium as the local player tried to score on Partlow's grounder to the infield. Clark is the catcher. The action happened in the second inning of the first game of a twin bill which the rivals divided

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HARLEM PRODUCES YOUTH WHO MAY EQUAL OWENS, METCALFE, TOLAN, ELLERBE IN SPEED

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By ALVIN MOSES

NEW YORK—(A N P)—Eddie Greenedge, Harlem's 190 pound sprinting phenom who already feels himself a "man of destiny" in that he expects to take his place along side Drew, Peacock, Johnson, Tolan, Metcalfe, Owens, et al; typfies the Negro youth of tomorrow. Straight forward in manner, aggressive and of keen intellect, Eddie is but one of many thousands of Negro lads who'd do any country proud who claimed them as citizens.

IDOL OF WHITE CLASSMATES

At Monroe High school his name is a campus byword. Try and sell one of those white kids a bill of good about anything on two legs licking their Eddie at any distance from 10 yards to 220, and you've asked up a man sized brawl for yourself. With his country in the very doorstep of war, Greenedge is unafraid after the manner of the race that has seen service in all of this country's involvements, both civil and foreign. "Let them place my crowd from Coach Herschal Day's school (junior high, 139), into the navy and army as regular American seamen and soldiers, and together, we'll make these shores safer than they've ever been before for Democracy," blurts out the likable heavyweight dash man.

BARNEY EWELL HIS PATTERN

"Take that 'Creamtoes Barney,'" (we told Eddie he had best take him) "up to 300 yards....gosh all hemlock, but he's a whizzbang. That's just the way I intend burning up the cinders or the indoor boards by the time I've reached 21. The first time I saw the Penn Stater run, I thought I was looking at movies in fast motion. All I remember was the crack of the starter's gun, a lightning-fast arm motion, and..a torso that appeared to float over the surface without any undercarriage. Honest Injun ....Ewell a year ago was just that fast. I don't know what was wrong with him that night he met Davis, Salinas, Cal., meteor......maybe the Coast boy was just too good for anybody to lick, even my favorite Creamtoes) that evening, though had Davis elected to race Barney 300 yards, I'm positive he would have been licked....for Barney's 32 seconds around a curve that evening at Madison Square garden, was done without an all out effort....I know, for I'm a sprinter, and we runners can pretty much tell about each other's condition. When war is but a memory (we hope, we hope), I expect to be racing for my Uncle Sammy in some peace time games and doing a neat 9.4 for the 1000 and around 20.8 for 220 yards."

Whew ...we wiped our brow as Eddie departed into the night air. With Harlem having nearly 75,000 "Eddie Greenedges," how can people perpetuate hate and intolerance (what a mean word)......We maintain...."they just can't, for..ever."

BIG LEAGUERS, IN ALL BUT SALARY

Perched high in the press row as Yankee stadium (for a change, as we usually take the wife along) ..our eyes wondered over the vast crowd to linger upon Frank Forbes, Joe Bostic and Grover (Buster) Biller. Publicity director, radio announcer and play caller reading from left to right, and darn good ones if you seek my estimation. Season after season they function as well as if not better than most of the gentry we find drawing down four figure salaries for similar jobs, working for the American or National leagues.

Their clientele is not as well versed in the inside angle of the game which, obviously, makes their job all the more difficult. Yet Sunday after Sunday, week-days and special holiday features, this trio goes to bat and comes off with a perfect batting average that rarely....gets into the official records.... Of Frank (Strangler) Forbes, we might say something intimate, for he is an old friend we can never forget. Many are the times when we've plunged the 16 pound medicine ball into each other's midriff until it seemed to observers that our spinal column would carve a doorway through our backs. We've met on the handball, volleyball, wrestling mat, boxing arena and virtually every avenue of sport's broad field. Somewhat older than we are....he is still the crack basketball madman of the greased courts who played the game "for keeps," even that night when dangerous Larry Estridge of St. Christopher went berserk. Frank's a man's man.... we've seen him knockout an umpire with one fell blow during his playing career, then on other occasions....we've see him take a cowardly punch on the jaw from an overzealous player of his own race....walk away, and hope to meet him under the clubhouse.... as all he-men are willing to do.

The day can't come quickly enough for me when NEGRO BASEBALL can say to Forbes, the Bostics, the Millers, et al........ "WE'RE SETTING ASIDE $2,000 for your six months work in your respective capacities." Naturally, when such a day arrives..NEGRO BALL PLAYERS OF TOP RATING will not be asked to make ends meet on less than $150 a month that more often than not is ...."Promised".....and we mean precisely that Jim,...."Promised" in capital letters.

Washington Post
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New Yorker Earns a Shot At Cochrane

Harlem Fighter Pounds Out Warning With a Thorough Beating of Zivic

By International News Service

New York, Oct. 31.—Ray Robinson pounded out a danger notice to Welterweight Champion Fred Cochrane tonight on the lithe but aging body of Fritzie Zivic. The willowy Harlem Negro beat Zivic and virtually eliminated the bash-nosed Pittsburger from any early opportunity to regain the title.

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Robinson was promised a match against Champion Cochrane sometime this winter on the basis of his 10-round decision over Zivic.

Tactics of the 27-year-old former king of the welters at times puzzled Robinson, but the Negro made superior punching count and thereby kept his ring record unblemished in 26 professional appearances.

In the chief eight-round preliminary, Beau Jack, the highly ballyhooed Negro lightweight from Augusta, Ga., Springfield, Mass., and way points, punched out an artistic decision over Guillermo Puentes, clever Chilean. Jack, who was christened Sidney Walker and who weighed 135 to Puentes' 130¼, got off fast, slowed somewhat in the middle rounds, and then scored heavily in the last two sessions with left jabs and right uppercuts.

Ruby Garcia, 127½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Frankie Gardea, 129¼, Los Angeles, in a four-rounder, and Frankie Rubino, 125½, Brooklyn, stopped George Coyle, 127, U. S. Army, in the fourth round of another four-rounder.

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Here's The Dope On Heavyweight Champs

EDITOR'S NOTE—Lucius Jones is a veritable wizard with sports statistics and history. Readers of the Journal and Guide may find it wise to clip and save in their sports scrapbook this aritcle. It will enable them to settle many arguments about sports.

Incidentally, Contributor Jones, who hails from Atlanta, Ga., is recognized as a sports authority along Atlanta's Auburn Avenue and he frequently settles wagers on what's what in sports. His information is usually deadly accurate.

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By LUCIUS "MELANCHOLY" JONES

JOE LOUIS "FIGHTINGEST" CHAMPION OF PRIZE RING HISTORY, REGARDLESS TO CLASS; NAMES OF MOST HEAVYWEIGHT KINGS BEGIN WITH "J"

Champion	Years Held Title	Successful Defense
SULLIVAN	10	0
CORBETT	4½	1
FITZSIMMONS	2	0
JEFFRIES	5½	5
BURNS	2	2
JOHNSON	6¼	5
WILLARD	4	2
DEMPSEY	7	5
TUNNEY	2	2
SCHMELING	1	1
SHARKEY	1	0
CARNERA	1	2
BAER	1	0
BRADDOCK	1	0
LOUIS	4	17

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Joe Louis is the "fightingest" champion that ever lived. When he faces Billy Conn June 18 at the Polo Grounds the Tan Embalmer will have "gone to bat" 18 times in just four years. The Detroit Destroyer won the world heavyweight title June 27, 1937, when he kayoed Jimmy Braddock in eight rounds.

Louis' extreme energy in risking his prized crown is in direct contrast to the tendencies of the other heavyweight champions before him. John L. Sullivan, for example, held the title from 1882, a space of 10 years, but did not make a single defense of the crown in all that time. When Sullivan did lay his title on the line for the first time, he was beaten in 21 rounds at New Orleans, by Gentleman Jim Corbett.

Four other champions after Sullivan—Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Sharkey, Max Baer, and Jimmy Braddock—failed to make a single successful defense of the crown.

BUSY CHAMPS

Busiest heavyweight champions before Joe Louis were Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, and Jack Dempsey. All three held the crown over five years, but defended it successively only five times. The sixth time out, Jeffries, who retired undefeated and came back "an old man" to regain white supremacy in the heavyweight class, was stopped by Johnson in 15 rounds at Reno, Nevada, July 4, 1910.

The sixth time out was a jinx to Johnson and Dempsey too. Johnson was stopped by Willard in 26 rounds at Havana, Cuba, April 5, 1915, and Dempsey was decisioned by Gene Tunney in 10 rounds in Philadelphia September 23, 1926.

WON ON FOUL

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Max Schmeling was the lone champion of the entire list of 15 to win the world crown on a foul. Flat on his back when the contest was terminated, Schmeling was declared winner over Jack Sharkey in the fourth canto, July 12, 1930. Sharkey later decisioned the German in 15 rounds in Long Island City, N. Y., to win the title.

"The Phantom Rulers" of prize ring history were Schmeling, Sharkey, Primo Carnera, Baer, and Braddock. None of these was able to hold the world heavyweight crown more than a single year.

No heavyweight champion has ever lost the heavyweight crown and won it back. Sharkey was beaten by Schmeling on a foul and came back to win the title from the German. But it must be remembered that Jack did not hold the title at the time of the first match.

ALPHABET STATISTICS

Have you ever observed how significant the letter "J" has been in heavyweight history? "J" is the "fightingest" letter in the alphabet. Nearly all the great fighters in the division have had the letter "J" as some part of their full name.

For example John (L. Sullivan), Gentleman Jim (Corbett), Jim (Jeffries), Jack (Johnson), Jess (Willard), Jack (Dempsey), Jimmy (Braddock), and Joe Louis.

The list includes three Jacks, three Jims, a John, a Jess and a Joe. The "fightingest" names, one may judge from this phenomenon are Jack and Jim. John and Jess are more rare. The name Joe is highly prevalent in big league baseball, but almost extinct in heavyweight championship consideration where Louis is anything but "just another guy named Joe." A few of the copious baseball guys named Joe which are immediately subject to call in the memory column includes Joes DiMaggio, Medwick, Cronin, Gordon, Kuhel, Grace, Hoving, Cleary, Haynes and Dobson.

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Smashes World's Discus Mark

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Associated Press WIREPHOTO

Archie Harris, great Indiana University athlete, shows how he cracked the world's discus record during the trials for the N. C. A. C. track championships at Palo Alto. Harris sailed the platter a distance of 174 feet 8¾ inches

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

N. Y. Lists No Color Beside Name of College Students

George Hagans Is Captain of N.Y.U. Indoor Track Team, but Not Many Know of It

By OLLIE STEWART

NEW YORK—Undoubtedly the least publicized students in the nation are those few hundred colored boys and girls who attend the colleges and universities located in the five boroughs of New York City.

No one even knows exactly how many there are. You might guess, for instance, that there are approximately 200 colored students at City College, but you can't be sure. For, as the registrar explains it:

Girl at Hunter

"We put down name and classification, but keep no record of the color of our students." This is true in practically all the other schools.

This reporter has just learned that the Hunter College newspaper has a colored girl as editor, Miss Shirley Simpson, a brilliant student.

Al McDowell at St. Johns

At St. Johns College, a youth named Al McDowell is mainly responsible for the fact that St. Johns holds the indoor 1C4-A mile relay title. McDowell ran the anchor leg. He is the same young man who ran the quarter mile in 48 seconds flat in the Penn Relays.

On June 18, while Joe Louis will be meeting Billy Conn at the Polo Grounds, City College will be holding graduating exercises. One of the graduates who will get a B.S. degree (pre-medical course) is Vernal G. Cave, 332 Halsey Street, Brooklyn.

Cave, a Busy Man

Cave, member of the Lock and Key Honorary Society, student council representative for class of '41, president and vice president of Frederick Douglass Society and secretary-treasurer of legislative congress, is one of the busiest men on the campus.

He has won major letters for being a member of both the varsity track team and the cross country team. He is also a member of the Varsity Club. But probably his best work has been done as chairman of student council committee on racial discrimination.

Daire, High Scorer of Brooklyn

Over at Brooklyn College, the high scorer on the freshman track squad this season has been Clifford Daire. His specialty is the 100- and 200-yard dash.

Taylor Hall has also been a valuable addition in the short sprint department at St. Johns.

Daniel Johnson was the only colored member of the City College junior varsity basketball quintet.

Nichols at NYU

Frank Nichols was one of the most outstanding prospects on the New York University frosh basketball team.

John Bosil, of St. Johns junior varsity cage team, should be heard from next fall on the cage main squad.

Len Bates, known for his football prowess at NYU, is senior metropolitan discus champion and was third in the IC4-A championships.

Hagans, Captain at NYU

George Hagans, also of NYU, 1940 junior metropolitan 440 champion, is 1941 captain of the NYU indoor track team.

Carl Fields, St. Johns quartermiler, is one of the best baton wielders on the mile relay team.

Fabian Francis is the best hurdler at NYU. He runs the 440 medium, 220 low and 120-yard high hurdles for his team.

Dave Lawyer, NYU, is metropolitan 100-yard, 220-yard and broad jump champion.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Xavier Runner Breaks A. A. U. Distance Mark

Morgan And Tarrant Beaten Semi-Finals Of Junior Meet Events

BY BILL BONI

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—The fifty-third national A. A. U. annual track and field championships opened Saturday at Franklin Field with two records broken, one record tied—and Veteran Joe McCluskey the center of attention because for once in his long running career he was unable to finish a race.

McCluskey was leading the field in the 10,000-meter run, which is 376 yards and 4 inches longer than six miles, and looked to be in good shape as he finished the twentieth of his 24 laps. But as he passed the checking station the next time he was tying up badly.

McCluskey struggled on, gamely in quest of his twenty-fourth national championship in 12 years of running, but he wa salmost out on his feet when Paul Pilgrim, New York A. C. athleti cdirector, finally pulled him off the track. He collapsed and had to be carried to the center of the field, where he finally recovered sufficiently to be taken to a hospital.

Dr. Joseph Levy, who attended McCluskey, diagnosed his condition as cardiac and heat collapsed and stiffening of the muscles. And it definitely ruled him out of Sunday's 3,000-meter steeplechase, in which he was the favorite.

Don Lash, winner of the 10,000 a year ago dropped out after only six laps.

Gregory Follows Through

The race was run for both senior and junior titles and Lou Gregory, of New York's Millrose A. A., picked up where McCluskey left off to take the senior championship in 33 minutes, 11 seconds. Ted Volmer, of the San Francisco Olympic Club, the runner-up, became junior champion and was caught in33:23.7.

With the exception of this race and the 3,000-meter walk, also run for both, Saturday's competition was for the junior championships, open to athletes who never have won national, N. C. A. A., or I. C. 4-A. titles in their specialties.

The record breakers were Edward Culp, of Xavier College in New Orleans, a slim Negro lad who clipped a full second off the meet mark for 1,500 meters, and Bill Stewart, University of Southern California freshman who pushed the meet's high jump "ceiling" to 6 feet 8⅜ inches.

Culp, holding his bid until the back stretch of the last lap, came on to win by 15 yards over Theodore Nebrich, of Buffalo, N. Y. His time was 3:55.1, compared to the 3:56.1 turned in two years ago at Lincoln, Neb., by John Munski, of Missouri.

Ties 100-Meter Dash

The one record equaled was in the 100-meter dash, in which Peyton Jordan, of the Southern California A. A., streaked into the tape a good 10 feet in front in 10.4 seconds.

Two men were double winners. Bill Cummins, of Houston, Tex., a Rice Institute hurdler, scored decisively both at 110 and 200 meters. Clarence Lewis, of the Rankin C. C. in Pittsburgh, first won the broad jump and then added to it the hop, step and jump.

Ernest Marshall, Negro discovery from Fort Valley (Ga.), came on fast to beat Joe Matyunas, of Michigan Normal, by six feet in the 400 meters in [illegible] seconds flat.

Clarence Lewis, of the Rankin C. C., Pittsburgh, led the broad jumpers with a leap of 24 feet ½-inch, beating Butler Avery, New Orleans High School, by an inch and a quarter.

Ed Beetem, of Philadelphia's Penn A. C., after a poor showing in the shotput, captured the discus throw at 151 feet 10¼ inches.

Frank Dixon, New York schoolboy miler running for the Grand Street Boys Club, finished the 5,000-meter run as if he was just starting a spring, to win by a good 50 yards in 16:06.1. Don Munson, a teachers' college student representing the Buffalo (N. Y.) Central Y. M. C. A., was second, and Duane Semper, of Michigan Normal, third.

Tarrant Stumbles

Peyton Jordan, Southern California A. A. blond, whipped through the final of the 100-meter dash to win by a sound 10 feet in the meet-record-equalling time of 10.4 seconds. Jordan, aided in the final when Leo Tarrant, of Alabama Etate, stumbled in the last 40 yards, also won his heat and semi-final.

Chuck Morgan, former Auburn hurdling star now with New Orleans A. C. placed second in his heat of the 110-meter hurdles, but was shut out in third place in the semifinals.

The crowd hit a pea kof 15,000. At least double that number are expected Sunday, when the senior titles will bring into action runners like Les Mac Mitchell, Walter Mehl, Greg Rice, Harold Davis and Grover Klemmer; hurdlers like Joe Batiste and Fred Wolcott, and field event men such as Al Blozis, Les Steers, Cornelius Warmerdam and Earle Meadows.

Because A. A. U. officials neglected to announce one officially, the press box was forced to compile its own point score. This gave the team title to the Southern California A. A., made up of past and present students of the University of Southern California, with 61 points, to 41 for the Penn A. C. of Philadelphia, 21 for the New York A. C. and 20 for the San Francisco Olympic Club which is the choice to retain the senior team crown.

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Decathlon Champ Adds New Laurels

ELIZABETH, N.J. — Despite his failure to win any one of the five events, John Borican, representing the Asbury Park A.C., amassed 3,244 points and won the National pentathlon championship before 3,000 at Warinanco Park, Sunday.

By virtue of his triumph, Borican became the first American athlete ever to hold the pentathlon and decathlon at the same time. The shore runner captured the American title for ten events, the decathlon championship, at Bridgeton on Labor Day. It was the third time that Borican had won the pentathlon crown. He won it for the first time in 1938 with the record total of 3,304 points, 60 more than his total in Sunday's meet. In 1939, the Asbury Park A.C. athlete, then running for the Shore A.C., again came out on top. Last year, Harry March of the Washington A.C. won the pentathlon championship, but he failed to enter the competition this season.

John Borican

Williamson Second

Joshua Williamson, another colored star from the Asbury Park A.C., finished in second place with 3,157 points, leading in the point standing after the second, third and fourth events. Williamson, who is present holder of the State AAU high jump title, placed ahead of Edmund Styrna, of the University of New Hampshire, with 2,986 points, and Bob Sovetts of the Seton Hall A.A. with 2,933, who finished third and fourth, respectively.

Points in all five of the events were awarded on the basis of speed or distance covered and not on the order in which the runners placed. In the order of finish, however, Borican had a second place, another tie for second, two thirds and

Williamson took the lead in the point standings after the javelin throw, the second event, which he won with a toss of 183 feet, 10⅝ inches, and with only the 1,500-meter run remaining still led the point tabulations with 2, 727 tallies.

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Brud Holland to Coach All-Star Eleven for Interracial Clash

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NEW YORK—Brud Holland and Kenny Washington, two of the all-time great football players, have been signed to coach the Colored All-Stars, who will meet the Yankee All-Stars in a charity game at the Polo Grounds on Sunday, Nov. 30. Holland, currently coaching at Lincoln University in Oxford, Pa., was an All-American end at Cornell. Kenny Washington was All West Coast halfback at UCLA in '37, '38 and '39. The latter is also expected to play with the Colored Stars in the contest.

Brud Holland

Beneficiary of the contest will be the Associated Football Charities, Inc., representing various colored, Catholic and Jewish charities. Commissioner Samuel J. Battle, who succeeded to the late Lou Gehrig's place on the New York City Parole Board, is president of the charity organization sponsoring the event. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mayor F. H. LaGuardia are honorary chairwoman and honorary chairman, respectively, of the committee in charge of the game. Fifty per cent of the gross receipts of the game will go to charity.

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Frank Forbes, director of promotions of the Negro National League, who is helping to line up the colored players, flew to the coast on Thursday afternoon to bring back Kenny Washington, his teammates at ULCA, Woodrow Strode, end, and Jackie Robinson, halfback, and other West Coast colored grid stars.

Coaches Jack Wallace and Benny Friendman are lining up the players who will oppose the colored team as the Yankee All Stars.

Stars Signed

Other intercollegiate stars already signed to play with the Colored All-Stars are:

Jim Walker, University of Iowa's stellar left tackle; Sidat-Singh, former All-American candidate of Syracuse; Charles Anderson, Ohio State end; Archie Harris, All Conference end at Indiana in '38, '39 and '40;

Lou Montgomery, Boston College's triple-threat halfback who became the center of a national controversy last year when his team was invited to compete in the Sugar Bowl; two recent Northwestern stars, Bernie Jefferson, line-smashing back, and Jimmy Smith, fleet end;

Moselle Ellerbe, Tuskegee Institute end; Joe Lillard, All West Coast halfback at the University of Oregon; Ozzie Simmons of Iowa, and Hugh Walker, halfback at West Virginia Teachers' College.

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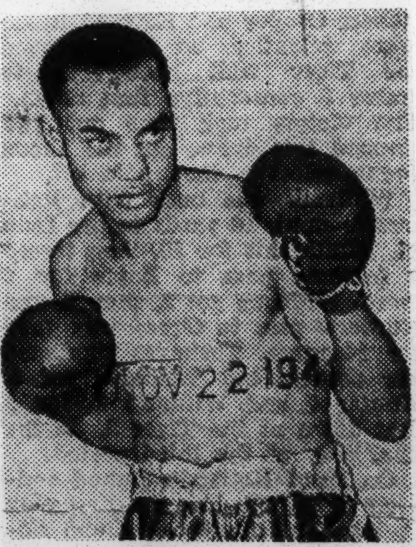

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Curtis Hightower, of Augusta, Ga., known to ring fans as Ben Howard, who has a record of twenty-six knockouts in thirty-eight fights. Ben never has been defeated, having ten decisions and two draws in his other bouts. Ben's 22, tips 149 and wants to fight in the bigger cities.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

MATCH ARRANGED FOR NAVY RELIEF

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New York Auxiliary of Society Will Benefit From Louis-Buddy Baer Title Bout

NO PURSE FOR CHAMPION

Rival to Get Small Percentage of Gate—Promoter Jacobs to Serve Without Pay

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will make his next defense of the title on Jan. 9 in Madison Square Garden in a return bout against Buddy Baer, California giant. The fight will be in the interests of the New York Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society, of which Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the Third Naval District and Commander of the North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier, is president.

Announcement to this effect came last night from Admiral Andrews following days of negotiations among the Navy executive, Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C. and Julian Black and John Roxborough, managers of Louis.

Jacobs, who has a contract on Louis's exclusive ring services and an option on the services of Baer, will promote the bout without remuneration. He is surrendering his interests in the heavyweight title for this occasion.

Louis, Admiral Andrews announced, is undertaking the bout without remuneration. He signed solely for the expenses he will incur in connection with the battle, which will be for fifteen rounds and will be his twentieth defense of the ring crown he lifted from Jim Braddock in 1937 in Chicago. Baer is to receive a small percentage of the receipts. It could not be learned last night whether the Garden will be made available free of charge.

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Policy Is Emphasized

In the official announcement of plans for the battle, however, it was emphasized that "while the Navy Relief Society welcomes contributions and assistance from civilian sources, it does not accept civilian funds from professionally promoted sources. In other words, it does not accept the proceeds from any promotion where the promoter receives payment of a fee for promotional services."

Generally speaking, therefore, the entire proceeds from the heavyweight championship bout will go to the Navy Relief, which, organized in 1904, provides for emergency situations encountered by officers and enlisted men of the United States Navy and their families. Every man in the service, from the senior admiral down through the lowest rated seaman, voluntarily contributes to the Navy Relief each year.

From an operating basis of twenty relief cases it handled at an expense of $450 in its first year, the Navy Relief Society, with national headquarters in Washington and auxiliaries in every important naval center, advanced to a point last year where it handled 11,000 cases at an estimated expenditure of $500,000.

An even larger demand upon its facilities and resources is expected in 1942 with the rapid expansion of the Navy in the national emergency. The doctrine of the society is that no man in naval service or any member of his family shall suffer as a consequence of service exigencies. There have been times when the society rendered aid in situations outside the Navy's sphere.

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Capacity Crowd Certain

That a capacity crowd will view the Louis-Baer return encounter is certain, regardless of admission prices. The younger brother of the former champion, Max Baer, gave Louis one of his closest calls as champion in their first meeting last May in Washington.

The battle ended with Baer disqualified because his manager, Ancil Hoffman, refused to permit him to come out of his corner for the seventh round. The struggle started with the challenger knocking Louis down and through the ropes, almost out of the ring, with his opening charge.

Rallying from this experience, Louis savagely hammered his rival through succeeding rounds, rendering Baer so helpless that the sixth round found Buddy on the ring floor and his handlers had to carry him to his corner. An injury has kept Baer idle since that encounter. He was paired with Abe Simon for a bout scheduled last September in the Garden, but had to withdraw from the match because of a growth on his right elbow. The complaint has responded to treatment.

Louis's last ring appearance saw him knock out Lou Nova in six rounds at the Polo Grounds last September. He had knocked out Billy Conn in thirteen rounds in June. Following the Nova battle, Louis was transferred to Class 1A in the draft, but he has not yet been called for duty. The champion has busied himself with a tour of military camps, boxing for the entertainment of the soldiers.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Montana Negro Star Made Year's Longest Run

DEC 6 1941

During the height of the football season the Daily printed a list of the great many Negro players throughout the country. . . . There were more than fifty that we had known. . . .

One of the boys not on that list is Marion Motley of the University of Nevada, who according to the records of the season got off the longest run in college football for 1941.

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Against San Jose (Cal.) State, Motley took a kickoff five yards back in his end zone ran down the length of the field for a touchdown. What's more, he later sprinted 67 yards for another score, and thus helped bring about San Jose's first defeat in 19 starts, by a score of 20-19.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

DeCorrevont, Juzwik to Play For Yanks vs. Negro Stars

Northwestern, Notre Dame Stars Sign Up With Pros in Time to Take Part in Charity Game At Polo Grounds Sunday—Interest Is High

NOV 25 1941

By Nat Low

Interest in the All-Star Negro-Yank game which will be played Sunday at the Polo Grounds, took a tremendous lift yesterday when the Yanks announced that two of the outstanding college football stars of the season just ending, have been signed to play in the game.

Bill DeCorrevant, who wound up a brilliant career last Saturday for Northwestern by scoring three touchdowns against Illinois, and Steve Juzwik, running threat of Notre Dame's first unbeaten team since the days of Knute Rockne, will be in the Yankee backfield when they take the field against the Negro All-Stars at the Polo Grounds.

DeCorrevant is the Chicago boy who as a high school youngster packed over a hundred thousand fans into Soldiers Field to witness a high school grid game. . . . Bill went on to greater glory with Northwestern, sparking the Wildcats to three highly successful seasons.

Bill is certain to be named on the All-Conference Big Nine team, and will probably be mentioned on many All-American elevens.

Bill almost beat Minnesota, the greatest team in the land, and fought valiantly against Notre Dame and Michigan, both of whom are rated tops among the nation's elevens.

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The Northwestern triple-threat man is flying in to jin the Yankee squad.

Steve Juzwik, the other star who will face the all-Negro team, was the running threat in the Notre Dame team which roared to the heights after a lapse of eleven full years.

Steve was outstanding in the victory over Southern California last week; and all during the season it was the constant threat of his running that softened up the opposition for Angelo Bertilli's passes.

Steve finished a three-year varsity career with the Irish Saturday, and accepted the invitation to join the Yanks in their game with the Negro stars.

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The Yanks, under coach Benny Friedman and Jack Wallace, will boast a formidable array of blocking blocks and hole-opening linemen to set the stage for the spectacular running expected of DeCorrevant and Juzwik.

The Yanks, were greatly strengthened last week by the addition of many former college stars who were the first-string line-up of the Hartford Blues, leading independent pro team in the East. The Blues won 13 and tied one out of fifteen games this season.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

All-Star Tilt Draws Biggest Crowd of Day

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The 22,787 fans who attended the Colored All-Stars vs. New York Yankees charity football game at the Polo Grounds Sunday was "several thousand" more than the combined attendance at Yankee Stadium and Ebbets Field, it was officially announced Tuesday.

At least 30 percent of the crowd at the Polo Grounds was white, it was estimated, checkers pointed out, what with two special trainloads of fans coming down from Hartford, Conn., to root for the Hartford Blues, 23 of whose players were in Yankee uniforms. The Blues, by the way, have a powerful club—one of the strongest in the East, and lost by the slender margin of 20-14 to the Brooklyn Dodgers earlier in the season.

Douglas G. Hertz, millionaire sponsor of the game and owner of the Yankees, told a packed house at the Mimo Club after the game during the testimonial banquet to players on both teams, that he intends to repeat the game next year. He also said the game proved that there is no basis at all in keeping colored players out of organized pro football. He complimented the work of the officials—two white, two colored—J. L. Hunter, the head linesman, and Umpire Joseph Drew, of Howard University; and Zev Graham, referee, from Fordham, and Bob Labraico, of Columbia, for the way they officiated. It marked the first time colored and white officials had worked a major pro game.

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Bill DeCorrevont, of Northwestern, and Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones, of Pittsburgh, stars in the Yankee lineup, told interviewers they were glad to be able to play against such outstanding opposition as furnished by the colored club. "Jim Crow in football is dead from now on," said Jones. "Plenty of those fellows should be in the National League," said DeCorrevont.

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Montgomery, Ala.

Morris Brown to Clash With Langston Jan. 1

NOV 27 1941

ATLANTA, Nov. 20. — (AP) — Langston University of Oklahoma has agreed to meet Morris Brown College of Atlanta at Birmingham Jan. 1 in the Vulcan Bowl post-season negro football game, Sec'y. B. T. Harvey of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announced today.

The Langston Lions, beaten this season only by Texas College, played to a scoreless tie last week-end against Prairie View of Texas, leader of the Southwest Athletic Conference.

Morris Brown, defending a mythical national title won at Birmingham last New Year's Day, has won eight straight games this year.

Kentucky State College of Frankfort, previously considered as a possible opponent for Morris Brown in the Vulcan Bowl, meanwhile arranged to meet Prairie View in a New Year's Day game at Houston, Tex.

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Morris Brown and North Carolina College, only unbeaten, untied negro collegiate teams in the nation, meet at Columbus, Ga., Dec. 6 in the third renewal of the Peach Blossom post-season classic. The same day Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College will play Tuskegee Institute at Orlando, Fla., in the eighth Orange Blossom game.

North Caorlina kept its slate clean last week-end, defeating Greensboro (N. C.) Agricultural and Technical College, 9-6 on a field goal kicked by William (Doc) Gaines, 200-pound tackle from Mamaroneck, N. Y. Tuskegee won its eighth victory of the season, 33-6, over Alabama College of Montgomery. Morris Brown was idle.

John (Big Train) Moody, Morris Brown fullback, retained his national individual scoring lead with 70 points. O'Neill Baldwin of Prairie View, held scoreless by Langston, remained second with 66, and Albert Gant of Florida A. & M. third with 65.

The leaders:

Team—	W	L	T	PF	PA
N. C. College ..	8	0	0	209	[illegible]
Morris Brown .	8	0	0	16	[illegible]
Prairie View ..	5	0	2	150	18
Tuskegee	8	1	0	207	30
Langston	7	1	1	97	45
Morgan	6	1	0	145	22
Florida A&M .	6	1	0	132	27
Hampton Inst.	6	2	0	107	38
Southern U. ..	5	2	0	122	61
Ky. State	5	2	0	112	58
Va. State	5	2	0	72	33
Lane	5	2	1	60	81
Texas	4	2	1	133	55
J. C. Smith ...	4	2	2	92	46

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Montgomery, Ala.

Steel Bowl Game Will Be Played At Legion Field

College All-Stars To Play Professionals New Year's Day

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 30. —The second annual Steel Bowl game will be played at Legion Field here in Birmingham New Year's Day when the Nashville Pros, winners in 29 out of their last 30 games, play the Southern All-Stars, a team composed of former Southern negro college players.

This negro bowl game was inaugurated last Jan. 1 when Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, played Wilberforce University, of Xenia, Ohio. A crowd of 8,000 saw the game last year.

The Steel Bowl committee is inaugurating a new kind of competition for its second annual game. This time the college all-stars will play the professionals and this is expected to make the game more spectacular.

Two former major university stars, Homer Harris, of Iowa, only negro ever to captain a team in the Big Ten, and Jim Smith, former Northwestern back, will be seen with the Nashville team, a ranking contender for the national negro pro title.

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In order that fans may return to their homes in time to hear broadcasts of the other bowl games in the afternoon, the Steel Bowl game is being played at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Legion Field seats 25,000 fans and the East stands are reserved for white spectators.

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Lose by 24-20, But 4 Points Apart Gives Lie to Critics

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Sidat-Singh, Stuart, Maso Ryan, Montgomery, Walker, Harris, King, Anderson & Co. Prove Tops

By DAN BURLEY
Star-News Sports Editor

A football score, 24-20, will doubtlessly prove the medium through which a wedge will be driven into the lily-white major professional football leagues in the near future; and that same score, the margin by which the New York Yankees of the American Association barely eked out a fighting, valiant band of Colored All-Stars Sunday at the Polo Grounds, may become the balance in the scales weighing interracial relationships in these crucial times.

Losing by four points, the Colored All-Stars, made up of selected players with fine collegiate backgrounds, actually won, in that the moral triumph was emphatically theirs. The significance of this "moral victory" can scarcely be realized at present. Even their most ardent supporters had little hope the Colored All-Stars could even score on the well-knit machine the Yankees presented Sunday, let alone coming within four points of a tie, needing but one more to win.

Singh Inspired Team

By a single performance, the Colored All-Stars, sparked to a new high of fighting fury by the inspired play of Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, ex-Syracuse pass slinging ace; Shaky Stuart, former Hampton Institute luminary; Maso Ryan, ex-Morgan College linesman; Dolly King, the former Long Island University great; Jim Walker, the all-America tackle candidate from Iowa, slapped down all arguments that colored players cannot play football on a par with that played in the big leagues.

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By this single performance, the Colored All-Stars, before that crowd of 22,787, including a large white representation, proved that there are many colored players, including several who performed in Sunday's game who are ready now for berths on the Chicago Bears, the New York Giants, the Brooklyn Dodgers and other clubs in the National League.

The game also represented a triumph for its sponsors, Associated Football Charities, Inc., which conceived of the idea as an excellent means to provide funds for worthy Catholic, Jewish and Colored charitable institutions in greater New York City. The game was made possible through the generosity and thoroughly color-blind interest of Douglas G. Hertz, owner of the New York Yankees team. Hertz became interested in sponsoring the game so that his contention that good sportsmanship is the soundest possible basis for international and interracial amity. How correct he was in this instance, was shown in the actual performance Sunday and in the reaction of the spectators.

Actually Won Game

The All-Stars actually had the game won until the last period. After a listless first quarter in which the Yankees marched to two touchdowns with the extra point added, the All-Stars came to life suddenly and smacked over a touchdown in the last minutes of the second period. They returned after the half and after the Yankees had scored a field goal, racked up another touchdown and then scored another to go ahead, 20-17, as the stands went mad. Errors of judgment and bad breaks allowed the Yankees to score the winning points in the final frame.

Mr. Hertz had promised the sports public that the game would present big name players and he saw to it that they were on both teams. His own Yankee organization was augmented with Bill DeCorrevont, the famed Northwestern University halfback, who made his debut in the East in the All-Star game a sensational affair. Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones, the highly publicized Pittsburgh backfield ace, was on hand in addition to 23 players from the line-up of the Hartford Blues, once represented in the National League. The Blues are independent professional grid champions of New England and have lost but two games in 15 engagements—one to the Churchill Steamrollers of Springfield, Mass., and one to the Long Island Indians of the American Association.

All-Stars Well Heeled

The All-Stars in addition to players named above, had Lou Montgomery, Boston College backfield star; Bernie Jefferson, ex-Northwestern all-conference back; Ozzie Simmons, Iowa University's great star; Charley Anderson, Ohio State's famous end; Archie Harris of Indiana, another outstanding end; Joe Lillard, former Chicago Cardinal star; Chuch Bowen, Wilberforce's great center; Tom Johnson, former Springfield College backfield ace; Mozell Ellerbe, ex-Tuskegee Institute ace; Ed Williams, former N. Y. U. fullback, and many others.

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First of the bad breaks against the Colored All-Stars came soon after the opening kickoff when a 15-yard penalty was inflicted for clipping. The Yankees then launched a 72-yard march that included a 25-yard pass by Vic Baylock to Joe Hugret in the end zone for the touchdown. Daddario added the point. Later in the same period, 235-lb. Fritz Petela smacked over center from the one-yard line for the second touchdown. Daddario again added the point via drop kick.

Bill DeCorrevont and Jones went into the Yankee backfield and the Northwestern flash started clicking. He ran the ball on various plays nine times for 35 yards and passed 13 times, completing four for 60 yards. It was DeCorrevont's heave to Daddario for 19 yards that carried the Yankees to the All-Star 19. DeCorrevont then went around left end to the 4 and two plays later, Petela went over for the first touchdown.

Maso Ryan, who kicked both the All-Star points after touchdown, blocked DeCorrevont's kick in the second quarter and chased the ball to the Yankee 7 where he fell on it. Sidat-Singh, after the Yankees had been penalized to the 3, smashed over for the touchdown.

With 15 seconds to go in the half, Daddario dropkicked a 21-yard field goal to give the Yanks a 17-7 lead at the half. After the All-Stars got the ball, following the field goal, Singh passed twice to Lillard, two heaves in a row of 35 yards right in the hands of Joe Lillard, but the ex-Cardinal and Peterson Panther star, dropped both pitches with the goal line a few yards away and nobody to bother him.

69-Yard March to Score

The brilliant Singh sparked a brilliant 69-yard touchdown march in the third quarters as the Colored All-Stars bounced back into the game. The former Syracuse great blasted off tackle for 24 yards and the touchdown.

Shortly after the Colored All-Stars took the lead—actually in front of the professionals—when Charley Anderson batted a DeCorrevont pass into the hands of Shaky Stuart who promptly romped 42 yards for a touchdown, aided by heady interference.

Lillard's failure to hold on to Singh's tosses in the second quarter; the 15-yard penalty at the start of the game, plus the biggest boner of the day, pulled by the veteran Ozzie Simmons, were the bad breaks that spelled defeat for the Colored All-Stars.

Simmons Is Goat

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With a 20-17 lead in the third quarter, the All-Stars blew their last chance of sewing up the game when Ozzie Simmons, after his team had downed the ball in their end zone, tried to run deep behind his line, behind the goal line from the 20 and then come up again and was tackled for a big loss.

The next play saw Bernie Jefferson making a pass that was intercepted by a Yankee player. The Yankees in the next period were not to be denied and marched straight to a touchdown, with Petela rifling a short line pass to Eikenberry for the score. The still battling All-Stars then forced their professional foes to defensive tactics, even as they held the ball in the last few minutes of play. The Yanks tried no passes and no kicks as they stalled for time. Benny Friedman was coach of the All-Stars and did a good job in getting the boys to clicking. Jack Wallace did the "Einstein-ing" for the Yankees. The lineups:

Yankee All-Stars (24)		Colored All-Stars (20)
Fisher	L.E.	Harris
Moffett	L.T.	Walker
Robinson	L.G.	Garland
Williams	C.	Bowen
Herzog	R.G.	Stuart
Hall	R.T.	Ryan
Hugret	R.E.	Anderson
Daddario	Q.B.	Jefferson
Taylor	L.H.	Johnson
Baylock	R.H.	Sidat-Singh
Petela	F.B.	Simmons

SCORE BY PERIODS.

Yankee All-Stars	14	3	0	7—24
Colored All-Stars	0	7	13	0—20

Touchdowns: Hugret, Petela, Eikenberry, Stuart, Sidat-Singh 2. Points after touchdown: Daddario 3 (drop-kick), Ryan 2 (placements). Field goal: Daddario (drop-kick).

SUBSTITUTES

Yankee All-Stars—Ends: Mills, Serullo. Tackle: Ludwinowicz. Guards: Aston, Whisner. Centre: Presti. Backs: De Correvont, Jones, Wheby, Waltman, Vaznelis, Cottone, Eikenberry.

Colored All-Stars—Ends: King, Ellebe. Tackles: Jabbo, Mason. Guards: Meyers, Packard. Centre: White. Backs: Williams, Lillard, Montgomery.

Referee: Zev Graham. Umpire: Joseph Drew. Field judge: Bob Labraico. Linesman: J. L .Hunter.

Scoring

Time	Scoring play	Yanks	Stars
FIRST PERIOD			
3:42	Hugret, pass	6	0
3:42	Daddario, drop kick	7	0
12:18	Petela, buck	13	0
12:18	Daddario, drop kick	14	0
SECOND PERIOD			
10:33	Sidat Singh, buck	14	6
10:33	Ryan, place kick	14	7
14:52	Daddario, drop kick	17	7
THIRD PERIOD			
7:50	Sidat Singh, run	17	13
7:50	Ryan, place kick	17	14
9:40	Stuart, pass interception	17	20
FOURTH PERIOD			
6:32	Eikenberry, pass	23	20
6:32	Daddario, drop kick	24	20

STATISTICS OF THE GAME

	Yankee A.S.	Col. A.S.
First downs	22	4
Yards gained, rushing	203	117
Forward passes	27	6
Forwards completed	9	1
Yards gained, forwards	62	4
Forwards intercepted by	2	1
Number of punts	4	7
*Av. dist. of punts, yds.	28	25
Run back of punts, yds.	16	21
Fumbles	0	0
Own fumbles recovered	0	0
Penalties	4	5
Yards lost, penalties	39	40

*From point where ball was kick.

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
December 3, 1941

Negro 'Blues' Bowl Fans to Hear Spirituals This Year

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Negro spirituals will replace the blues melodies in Beale Street's annual Blues Bowl football game this year—all because of the Office of Production Management.

The OPM ruled against night football due to a drought-caused power shortage. The committee changed the date to Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Because of the Sabbath date, they agreed to sing spirituals. Bill Handy, known as the "Father of the Blues," attends the game annually, leading the band with his golden trumpet.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL SQUAD

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Captain Morty Lazar, Bob Davidoff, Jim Coward, Paul Payne and Manny Schuman

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

ZIVIC OFFERS TO BOX FOR NAVAL SOCIETY

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Would Give Up Entire Purse for Title Contest With Cochrane at Garden

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh's former holder of the world welterweight championship, yesterday offered to box Freddie (Red) Cochrane, current champion, on Jan. 2 in a title bout in Madison Square Garden for the benefit of the Naval Relief Society.

Supported by his manager, Luke Carney, Zivic pledged himself to donate his entire purse to the service cause without even deducting training expenses. The proposition was submitted to Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C., who took the matter under advisement.

Jacobs has Cochrane under contract to defend his title Feb. 20 against either Young Kid McCoy, Detroit contender, or Ray Robinson, Harlem's unbeaten welterweight, depending on the outcome of a struggle between McCoy and Robinson scheduled for the Garden Jan. 16.

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Gilzenberg Cites Feud

Willie Gilzenberg, manager of Cochrane, has declared that, because of a personal feud, he will, under no circumstances, ever let Cochrane fight Zivic for the title, a condition that was seen yesterday as a barrier to such a bout, regardless of Zivic's generous offer.

That Naval Relief Society authorities would accept Zivic's proposal was doubted by Promoter Jacobs in view of the organization's inflexible rule against association with any enterprise from which a promoter realizes a profit. Under this ban, it would be necessary to donate the entire profits from such a match, if it could be arranged.

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Satisfied that he fought his way back into the welterweight title picture when he battled ten torrid rounds to a draw with McCoy in the Garden last Friday night, Zivic is determined to press his campaign for recognition among the challengers.

The original eliminations made no provision for the former champion. When first Robinson and then Cochrane defaulted as opponents for McCoy, the Pittsburgher was substituted. Zivic yesterday insisted he was entitled to recognition as a challenger, particularly in view of the fact that many who saw Friday's battle thought him entitled to the decision. The Pittsburgher made this statement without intending any criticism of the verdict, however.

Will Be Ready Jan. 16

McCoy's only mark from his most important battle was a tightly closed and discolored right eye. Otherwise the Detroit youngster said he felt all right after his rough journey against the experienced, tricky Zivic and would be ready to tackle Robinson on Jan. 16, according to schedule.

The turnout of 9,571 fans who paid $22,678 to view the Zivic-McCoy battle was taken as an indication that sports will serve as a distraction from the grim realities of war. The bout was the first major local ring attraction since America's declaration of war against the Axis powers

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sweat. They are fortifying the Kra isthmus to hinder counter-attacks by motorized British columns from Malaya. Coolie crews have transported light sea craft across 30 miles of jungle in order to attack British convoys sent from Rangoon to relieve Singapore.

From their secure base the little men of Japan and their allies are launching attacks against both coasts of the Malay Peninsula. The islands and indentations along these waters have proved ideal for the use of Japan's many motor-driven barges which carry tanks and armored cars with well-disciplined troops in large numbers. If Tokyo succeeds in driving its two-pronged offensive into the Malay States, tin, rubber, manganese and iron in very large quantities will be captured, and the mighty fortress of Singapore would be in jeopardy.

Such a thought would have been scoffed at until recently—but modern war junks many false notions of security, as none understands today as clearly as does our highest command.

President Roosevelt warned explicity in his recent broadcast that there no longer is any such thing as an "impregnable fortress."

News.
Birmingham, Ala.

Vulcan Bowl Will Feature New Year's Day In Magic City

DEC 21 1941

Commissioner Green Urges Support Of Negro Gridiron Classic At Rickwood

BY JERRY BRYAN

If the authority of old Pope Gregory, of the 13th degree, is accepted for it Jan. 1, 1942, is New Year's Day. And undisputably it is in all the lands where time is reckoned by ancient Gregory's calendar, but in Birmingham it'll be more significant.

It will be the day on which Morris Brown, of Atlanta, and Langston University, of Oklahoma, battle it out for the national football championship at Rickwood Field.

One of Birmingham-Southern's sturdiest lineman in his day, President Cooper Green, of the City Commission, has taken cognizance of the Negro classic in the city by urging attendance.

Commissioner Green declared: "This being a non-commercial game sponsored by the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Birmingham Negro Y. M. C. A. I think it fitting that the game receive the fullest support of our citizenship."

The game inaugurates a series of annual contests in which the champions of Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will meet the outstanding national contender, as selected by the Vulcan Bowl committee

Setup For Handling Game

The committee is made up of four representatives of S. I. A. C. and four members of Birmingham Negro Y. M. C. A. Advisory Council, which jointly sponsor the game with the conference.

Morris Brown, defending national champions, holding a winning streak of 16 straight games, did not loiter long after their victory over North Carolina State in the Peach Blossom game at Columbus. Coach Billy Nicks sent his Wolverines right back into training for this last battle.

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Word comes from Langston that Coach Zip Gayles will bring his team here in the best condition of the year. He has been priming the Lions to stop the great John "Big Train" Moody, all-time All-American fullback of Morris Brown.

Langston has a great fullback of its own in George Mence, and this pair of powerhouses on opposite teams in battle should produce a sideshow rivaling the main attraction.

The full Vulcan Bowl committee has met several times during the past week ironing out final details for the game and have announced that all indications point to a smash-

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New York, N. Y.

TO MEET IN BOUT AT THE GARDEN TONIGHT

Maxie Shapiro

Ray Robinson

ROBINSON CHOICE IN FIGHT TONIGHT

Unbeaten Lightweight Seeks 24th Victory in 10-Rounder With Shapiro at Garden

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Ray Robinson, undefeated Harlem lightweight, will face the sternest test of his career when he tackles Maxie Shapiro, experienced and able warrior from the East Side, in the feature bout of ten rounds at Madison Square Garden tonight. An amateur less than a year ago, Robinson has made a fine record as a professional, and even now is being hailed as successor to Lew Jenkins, ruler of the 135-pound division.

The Harlem youngster has won all of the twenty-three fights he has had since leaving the amateur ranks. Included in this string of successes are nineteen triumphs by knockouts. However, with the possible exception of the aging Sammy Angott, recognized as lightweight champion by the National Boxing Association, none of Robinson's opponents was as formidable as Shapiro promises to be.

A veteran of sixty professional clashes, of which he has lost only five, Shapiro is a crafty, fast-punching ringman who boasts a series of performances even better than his rival's. When he started as a paid performer, Shapiro engaged in thirty-seven fights before dropping a decision.

Mainly because of his triumph over Angott in an over-the-weight contest in Philadelphia two months ago, Robinson is favored to win tonight. The Harlem star is quoted at 5 to 8 to win.

In the semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, Steve Belloise of the Navy will trade punches with Antonio Fernandez of Chile, holder of the welterweight and middleweight championships of South America. Another eight-rounder will show Beau Jack of Springfield, Mass., in action against Al Reid, substitute for Guillermo Puentes. The latter was taken ill yesterday.

Izzy Redman and Harry Ginsberg, rivals from Brownsville, will meet in a six-rounder. Two four-rounders will complete the card. They will send Johnny Aiello against Diogenes Leon and Louis Casiano against Dom Fantini.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

HARLEM BATTLER VICTOR IN GARDEN

Referee Donovan Halts Battle After Robinson Drops Rival for Count Four Times

KNOCKOUT IS TWENTIETH

11,945 See Shapiro Bow After Fast Start—Steve Belloise and Fernandez Draw

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Ray Robinson had little more than a brisk workout in his scheduled ten-round bout with Maxie Shapiro of the East Side at Madison Square Garden last night. The Harlem Negro, a professional boxer a little less than a year, stopped his veteran opponent in 2:04 of the third round after having had him on the canvas four times.

The clash was halted by Referee Arthur Donovan when it was apparent that Shapiro, who turned in a surprisingly good showing in the first round, was headed for disaster. Donovan's action automatically made Shapiro the twentieth knockout victim of the youthful Robinson, who has won all twenty-four of his paid performances in the ring.

While a gathering of 11,945 fans, who paid $21,822, looked on, Shapiro seemed on the way to registering a tremendous upset in the first round, in which he had things pretty much his own way. Robinson was the 1-to-4 choice to win, before the bout started, but the East Side boxer paid little heed to that fact as he carried the action to Robinson.

Loser Starts Fast

Shapiro opened the fray by driving a fast left to the head and followed with a snappy left to the body. Robinson returned a left hook and a right to the head, then went in close, where he was beaten to the punch by the East Side warrior.

In the second Shapiro threw a sharp left hook to the head, but the punch only served to spur Robinson, who rushed his foe to the ropes and sent him through the strands under a two-fisted body attack.

Maxie was back ready for action at the count of three, but saw little of it, for Robinson rushed him again and beat him through the ropes a second time. Shapiro was just able to drag himself into the ring at the count of nine. Just before the round ended Shapiro thrilled the onlookers by bouncing a hard right off Robinson's jaw.

The Negro lost little time in the third. He flashed a left and a right to the jaw, and down went Maxie for another count of nine. Shapiro reeled on unsteady legs after rising, and was battered down again by a two-handed body attack.

Donovan Steps In

Once more he took a count of nine, and once more Robinson was at him in a twinkling. The Harlemite drove both hands in a steady stream at Maxie's midsection, and the latter gradually bent forward. Before he could fall, however, Donovan stepped in and ended matters.

Robinson weighed 135¼ pounds and Shapiro 133¾.

In the eight-round semi-final Antonio Fernandez, welterweight and middleweight champion of South America, was held to a draw by Steve Belloise, Bronx battler now in the United States Navy. The pair put on an interesting struggle, which was marked by Fernandez's fine defensive work and Belloise's willingness to force the going. The weights were 154½ for Belloise and 150 for Fernandez.

Beau Jack, Springfield (Mass.) lightweight, scored a knockout triumph over the veteran Al Reid of the Bronx in the eighth round. The winner weighed 134¼ and Reid 130¼.

Izzy Redman of Brownsville stopped Harry Ginsberg, a sectional rival, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round bout. Redman dropped his foe with a long left hook and Ginsberg took a count of nine. As soon as the latter gained his feet he fell again and the referee ruled the bout ended. Ginsberg scaled 156¾ and Redman 155¾.

Louis Casiano of Harlem took the decision over Dom Fantini of Reading, Pa., in a closely waged four-round contest. The winner weighed 126¼ and the loser 126. The opening four-rounder was won by Diogenes Leon, 118½, Harlem, who defeated Johnny Aiello, 122¼, Wilmington, Del.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

EXPECT 25,000 FOR 10 BOUTS IN SOLDIERS' FIELD

Prelims to Start at 8:15.

Fight Facts

EVENT—Intersectional bouts between Hawaii and the Chicago Catholic Youth organization.

PLACE—Soldiers' field.

TIME—8:15 p. m. tonight.

PROGRAM—Ten intersectional bouts and six preliminaries. Patriotic pageantry.

PAIRINGS.

112 POUNDS—Paul Inamine, Hawaii, vs. Harold Dade, CYO.

118 POUNDS—Henry Oshiro, Hawaii, vs. Tony Bausone, CYO, and Richard Chinen, Hawaii, vs. Fred Dawson, CYO.

126 POUNDS—Charles Sanico, Hawaii, vs. Ray Brown, CYO.

135 POUNDS—Willie Minn, Hawaii, vs. Jack Ballangee, CYO, and Frank Fernandez, Hawaii, vs. Al Reasoner, CYO.

147 POUNDS—Dan Fernandez, Hawaii, vs. Ed Conroy, CYO.

160 POUNDS—Timothy Cruz, vs. Isaiah Wells, CYO.

175 POUNDS—Ray Quintal, Hawaii, vs. Harry Stephens, CYO.

HEAVYWEIGHT—Pane Meatoga, Hawaii, vs. Hubert Hood, CYO.

BY FRANK MASTRO.

The amateur boxers of the Hawaiian Catholic Youth organization will attempt to spoil the undefeated record of the Chicago CYO in intercity, international, and intersectional competition in a series of bouts tonight in Soldiers' field. At the same time the fighters from the land of Aloha will seek revenge for an 8 to 3 defeat inflicted by the Chicagoans in the lake front arena last summer.

More than 25,000 will attend, William Larkin, in charge of tickets, predicted last night. The show will open at 8:15 o'clock with six preliminary matches. At the conclusion of these contests, along about 9:30, a 20 minute patriotic pageant will be enacted. The CYO band, under the direction of Thomas Fabish, will participate.

Hawaiians Expect to Win.

Tickets will be available today until 6 p. m. at CYO center, 31 East Congress street. The ticket office at gate O, in the south end of Soldiers' field, will be opened at 10 a. m. Proceeds of this evening's show will be used to carry on activities of the CYO, which was founded 11 years ago by the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, senior auxiliary bishop of Chicago.

Altho the Chicago team is well fortified in every weight class, the Hawaiians expect to win. Charles Luis, delegate in charge of the invaders, yesterday blamed overconfidence for Hawaii's setback a year ago.

"Our boys underrated the Chicago fighters on that occasion," Luis said, "but we know what to expect this time and we will win." Jackie Wright, coach; Gordon Thomas, manager, and William Freitas, trainer, of the visiting delegation, respectively, concurred with Luis.

Huli! Huli! Huli!

During the fights ringsiders may be startled to hear Wright shout "Huli, huli!" That's an Hawaiian battle cry which means a tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye, and is expected to spur on the visitors.

There will be two intersectional matches in each of the bantamweight and lightweight divisions and one each in the flyweight, featherweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight classes.

Jack Ballangee, lightweight, and Isaiah Wells, middleweight, are co-captains of the Chicago squad and Dan Fernandez, welterweight, and Frank, his lightweight brother, are co-commanders of the Hawaiian team. All four competed in the meet of a year ago. Wells was the only winner, beating Dominick Neratko in three rounds. He will meet a more formidable foe tonight in Timothy Cruz, 23 year old Puerto Rican, who has lost only three decisions in 20 appearances.

Dade Meets Inamine Again.

The only rematch on the lengthy card will involve Paul Inamine, 19 year old Japanese flyweight, and Harold Dade, Chicagoland Golden Gloves 112 pound champion. Inamine, who stands only 5 feet, conquered Dade in the previous tournament.

Henry Oshiro, Richard Chinen, and Ray Quintal also fought on the 1940 Hawaiian delegation, but each will be facing new foes this time. Oshiro, who was defeated by Ray Brown in the bantamweight ranks last year, will encounter Tony Bausone; Chinen, who conquered Al Noto as a flyweight, will face Fred Dawson, and Quintal, stopped by Hubert Hood as a light heavyweight, will return in that weight class for a match against Harry Stephens, twice winner of the Kenosha sectional Golden Gloves middleweight title.

Hood is coming back as a heavyweight, since he now weighs 182 pounds. His rival will be Pane Meatoga, newcomer on the visiting team, who scales 205 pounds and has scored 21 victories in 22 starts during a two year campaign.

The rival teams will report at 12 noon today in CYO center to weigh in and to be given physical examinations.

Quintal Carries Extra Pounds.

The matches will be three rounds of two minutes. Eight ounce gloves will be used in the lighter classes and ten ounce gloves in the heavier divisions. All except Quintal must make division weights. By agreement, Ray will be permitted to carry 178 pounds, three more than the light heavyweight class.

Two judges will assist the referee in arriving at a decision except when Billy Conn, former light heavyweight title holder, officiates in one of the matches. Because Conn will be a guest referee, he will not be allowed to vote. His verdict will be handed down by an extra judge.

Three thousand five hundred sailors and soldiers from Camp Grant, Fort Sheridan, the Naval armory, and the Great Lakes naval training station will attend as guests of Bishop Sheil. Because their transport trucks are on maneuvers men from Chanute field, Rantoul, will be unable to attend.

Preliminary matches:

Henry Nichols vs. Dan Hickey, 126.
Henry Vera vs. Don Gallardio, 118.
Frank Bausone vs. Dennis O'Keefe, 135.
Saul Josephs vs. Melvin Johnson, 135.
Jesse Garcia vs. Jim Egan, 135.
James Martin vs. Joe Dugo, 147.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Morehouse-Tuskegee Game Top Drawing Card; Men In Orange Fall But Florida Band Excels; Gold Watch To Grid Hero

THE STAID little town of Columbus, Georgia, gets the vote here of being one of the best drawing cards in Negro football. Started many years after the colorful Tuskegee-Wilberforce classic at Soldier's Field in Chicago, the Morehouse-Tuskegee game, staged annually in the small Empire State metropolis, has greatly excelled the older venture in popular appeal.

An estimated 10,000 witnessed the 1941 battle between Tuskegee and Wilberforce in Chicago. The veteran sports editor of the local daily down in Columbus asserted that attendance at the Morehouse-Tuskegee encounter was above 12,000.

The fact that Columbus boasts no Negro college explains the reason why the folk rally so sharply to the colorful Morehouse-Tuskegee battle. There are more synthetic alumni of Morehouse and Tuskegee in Columbus than probably in the rest of the country put together. Late Friday night after the most recent game between the Maroon Tigers and Golden Tigers, the column heard a boisterous and obviously tipsy band of pool room dwellers yelling in touching strains:

"Dear old Morehouse, dear old Morehouse, etc."

To those fellows, most of whom have never had their feet inside a school room, Morehouse is their alma mater—their beloved foster mother. They probably adopted Morehouse and held to her, even in defeat, after the Maroons came to Columbus years back with such local idols as Roscelius Cooksey, Tim Marshall, Joe Allen, and Leo MacBride on the team. This year, Homer Hill, another Columbus boy, was in the lineup.

The keen attachment to Cooksey, Marshall, Allen, Mac Bryde, Hill, and the rest had been developed, no doubt, when the said lads were booting the pigskin around at Spencer High School, once a ruling power in prep football.

The 1941 Morehouse-Tuskegee game was one of the most thrilling in the entire series. Lack of reserve strength caused Morehouse to miss what probably would have been the most startling upset of the year—one of the most amazing in recent years. Underdog by a margin of from three to five touchdowns, the Maroon Tiger led the vaunted Golden Tigers 7-6 until the fourth and final quarter.

Challenging the game itself for the principal spotlight was the halftime drama. Tuskegee's great 75-piece band and Morehouse's crack 50-piece unit simply "wowed" the folk. The majestic drilling, the inspiring martial strains, the illumined limbs of parading musicians, and the booming protechnics which struck awe in all eyes and every heart were simply too compelling for description. One could not escape gasping for breath.

The halftime activities at Tallahassee where Famcee celebrated her Homecoming was also colorful. The Florida band, one of the finest in collegiate circles of dixie, has balanced masculine and feminine appeal, because of the personnel of the organization. It played the alma maters of both Morris Brown and Famcee, along with other patriotic martial music.

An indispensable unit of th Florida band is the sextette comely, high-stepping majorette These young women, upon inquir were established as Misses Jelet Porter, Lillian Jennings, Virgin Harper, Angenora Spearman, D lores Sheppard, Sybil Farringt and Annie Laura Lee.

So colorful was the show put by the Famcee crowd at last year's Orange Blossom Classic that Pathe News saw fit to flash the entire "pageant" on the screen along with a few action-filled shots from the game itself. The little "act" put on by the mixed Famcee drum and bugle corps and beautiful majorettes did not far fall short of the glamorous exhibition to which fully 7,000 excited souls had thrilled last December at the Orange fiesta.

Schneer's, leading credit jewelers, located at 48 Whitehall St., S. W., is following its usual policy of awarding a beautiful gold Benrus Shockproof Watch, adopted by leading American Air Lines, to the outstanding player in the city championship series between Morris Brown-Morehouse, Clark Morehouse, and Morris Brown-Clark

Several years ago, John (Twinkletoes) Braxton of Morris Brown won the award. Following him was John (Big Train) Moody. Last year, the gold wrist watch was won by Ernest (Hunky) White of Clark. It was presented personally by Mr. George Kanter, sales manager at Schneer's, through whose broadness (which transcends racial lines) made it possible for Negro athletes at Morris Brown, Morehouse, and Clark to "cash in" on the awards the same as white stars at Ga. Tech and the leading prep schools of Atlanta, such as Boys High and Tech High.

Candidates for the gold watch this year, following the opening game of the city championship series between Morris Brown and Morehouse October 18 are as follows:

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MORRIS BROWN: Defoy Arnold, Joe Mitchell, Cecil Franklin, and John Moody, backs; Marion Eugene Grimes, end, Haywood Settles and William Wysinger, tackles, Willis Griffin and Alex Sheppard, guards, and Clarence Brown, center.

MOREHOUSE: Jimmie Washington and Clarence Anderson, backs; Robert Jenkins, end; Warren Parsons, tackle; and Co-Captain Murray Townsend, guard.

At the close of this season, Mr. Kanter will again make the award personally at chapel services at the college of the winning player.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cornell's Pierce And Robinson Aim At Holland's Great Record

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Reminiscent of the days of twice All-American Jerome "Brud" Holland, '39, Carl Snavely's 1941 Cornell gridiron team will call upon the services of two sepia sophomore backs, Sam B. Pierce and Charles R. Robinson—to run up the touchdowns this season. Whereas Holland was an end who galloped to glory with Snavely's famous "end-around" play, both Pierce and Robinson are speedy, shifty, triple-threat backfield aces.

With fall football practice less than a week old, the 18-year-old, 185-pound Pierce who hails from Glen Cove High School in Glen Cove, New York, is already shaping up as an important cog in the Big Red backfield. Sam, who stands six ft. one inch tall, is considered one of the fastest men on the squad, and his swivel-hipped broken field running eats up yardage. Pierce's speed is also matched by his passing ability and his ability to punt a ball with the best of them.

In addition, Sam has the rare quality known in athletic circles as competitive spirit and intestinal fortitude. When he is in the game, he gives his best and is always in there fighting for his team. Not only is Sam Pierce a fine gridiron prospect and well-liked by his teammates, but he is also known for his scholarship ability, having been one of the honored few to make the Dean's List in his freshman year.

Although not as colorful as Sam Pierce, Charles R. Robinson, whose hometown is Madison, New Jersey, is also a fine backfield prospect. "Robbie", as he is affectionately called by his coaches and mates, is 18 years old, stands five feet ten inches tall, and tips the scales at 185 pounds. Like Pierce, Robinson can also run, pass, and kick the pigskin which makes him a valuable man to have around. At this early date, however, "Robbie's" strong offensive weapon seems to be his punting. He is a "spot" kicker and should see plenty of action in this department before the season is over.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

U. Of Nevada Has Three Race Boys On Team

RENO, Nev.—(A N P)—Although there are only a few Negroes in thi state, the University of Nevada lists three colored players on its varsity football squad for the 1941 season. The team plays the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on Dec. 20.

The lineup finds Marion Motley, 21 holding a position with the team as tailback. Motley weighs 210 pounds, and has played varsity football for one year.

Raymond Freeman, 20, formerly of Weber Junior college, is tailback and wingback. Weighing 178 pounds, Freeman is also a member of the track team.

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From Yubar college comes Ben Anderson, 19, and weighing 202 pounds his position is right end.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Bates Is N.Y.U. Regular Back

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NEW YORK—(ANP)—With one year of varsity experience behind him, Leonard Bates may win the title of "Ramming Red Cap" as regular fullback on the 1941 New York U. football team. The chunky 25-year-old star, who has 198 pounds on a 5 foot 11 inch frame, is considered a terrific defensive back and because of his speed and build is hard to bring down as a ball carrier.

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With fall football practice less than a week old, the 18-year-old, 185-pound Pierce who hails from Glen Cove High School in Glen Cove, New York, is already shaping up as an important cog in the Big Red backfield. Sam, who stands six ft. one inch tall, is considered one of the fastest men on the squad, and his swivel-hipped broken field running eats up yardage. Pierce's speed is also matched by his passing ability and his ability to punt a ball with the best of them.

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Broken Field Specialist

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Ohio Sophomore Is Sensational on Grid As Well As on Track; So Fast He Kicked, Tackled Runner

(Special to Amsterdam Star-News)

KENT, Ohio.—Probably the outstanding Negro athlete ever to hit Kent State University is Grady Jackson, 185-pound track and football star from Cleveland.

Head Football Coach G. D. Starn considers Jackson to be the best broken field runner he has ever coached. Grady, or "Slippery," as he is called by his teammates, can also pass and kick as well or better than any other member of the squad.

Jackson, a graduate of Cleveland East High School does not confine his activities to the gridiron, however. He is also one of the fastest dashmen on Coach Joe Bagala's Ohio Conference track squad.

Although only a sophomore, Grady has built a tremendous following on the Kent State campus. He is a happy-go-lucky youth, and makes friends with everybody he meets.

Scoring Star

The husky football star was one of the instrumental figures in Kent's 58-0 shellacking of Bluffton College in the season's opener. Playing right half back, Jackson intercepted a pass to set up one touchdown, ran 20 yards to score another, and received a pass to set up a third score. He also placekicked a point after touchdown.

To top off his activities in the Bluffton game, Jackson startled the fans twice when after kicking off for the Golden Flashes, he beat his teammates to the other end of the field to tackle the runner.

Cincinnati Bearcat Flankman

Willard Rough Stargel, highly touted end at University of Cincinnati.

Amsterdam News
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Hail Stargel As Greatest Negro U. of Cincinnati Ace Since Gant

Husky End Plays Against Transylvania, Louisville, Other Dixie Schools Without Protests

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CINCINNATI, Ohio. — Another great Negro athlete is blossoming forth on the University of Cincinnati campus. He is Willard Rough Stargel, 19-year-old sophomore product of Cincinnati Woodward where he starred in football, basketball and track.

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Breaking into the varsity's first game with Transylvania this year, Stargel snagged a 25-yard pass for one of the university's seven touchdowns against the Kentucky squad. This was a departure in race relations since Transylvania didn't object to Stargel playing.

Stargel has a perfect build for an end; he's 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 182 pounds. And the fact that he was a high school track man and this year will be on the varsity track squad is indication enough that he is speedy.

A guard on his high school basketball squad, Stargel, in all probability, will earn a starting berth on the Cincinnati basketball squad this Winter. He has plenty of stamina and is a keen student of all sports.

An example of his desire to know his end position perfectly was pointed out recently by Coach Meyer. During a scrimmage session, Stargel had his book of plays in hand, making sure he went after the right man each time.

He is enrolled in the University of Cincinnati Teachers College and has high hopes of going into teaching or coaching upon graduation. Another great Negro football player at the University of Cincinnati was Chester Smith, varsity centre during the middle thirties.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

SIAC Basketball Tournament May Find Clark Unready; Panthers Play Weakest Visitation Schedule In Several Years

(SIAC Standings Through January 15, 1941 Only)

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Talladega	0	2	57	79	.000
Knoxville	0	0	0	0	.000
LeMoyne	0	0	0	0	.000

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BASKETBALL CARDS of the various conference quintets are so impressive that the eighth annual SIAC tournament at Tuskegee Institute Thursday and Friday, February 27-28, and Saturday, March 1, will hold far more than its usual importance.

Xavier, which in years past, has always had indifferent conference slates due to the fact that the Gold Rush has been located at the most distant SIAC point, is playing the most representative menu the New Orleans' Catholics have ever booked.

Xavier has already played four dates against Tuskegee and a pair against tough Florida. Knoxville, another SIAC power, is being met in a brace of games, while a traditional rival, Alabama is being engaged tonight in Montgomery. Because the Morehouse-Xavier battle has been postponed, out of deference for the late Dr. S. H. Archer, the Gold Rush will be idle Saturday evening, but meets Knoxville in a pair Monday and Tuesday nights.

Of the major powers, Tuskegee is booked against the other four leading rivals—Xavier, Florida, Clark. Knoxville takes on all but all but Clark. Florida meets all but Clark Knoxvile takes on all but Clark. Clark does not face Xavier, Florida, or Knoxville.

From these observations, it becomes obvious Clark will have to be good and right in the February tournament at Tuskegee, because her "soft" visitation season schedule affords her no such lofty caliber of competition as would be expected from Xavier, Florida and Knoxville.

If Clark wins the SIAC tournament this year, or even gains the later rounds, she will have to do it the hard way. Clark's pre-tournament schedule is simply nothing to compare with that of 1940. Last year's strong and challenging visitation schedule, as much as anything else, may have been responsible for Clark's ultimate capture of the coveted conference tournament crown.

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Atlanta baseball people are deploring the fact that they probably won't get to see a Clark-Florida or Clark-Xavier date in the Gate City this year. Those who saw Clark almost upset by Tuskegee here last Saturday think the Panthers will be far behind the other major contenders when tournament time rolls around. But Clark may overcome this apparent handicap. If she does, she will set precedent for an Atlanta club. Xavier has overcome such an obstacle, but the year Morehouse won (1937) she had taken on all comers. The same was true of Clark last campaign.

Coach Ralph C. Robinson is eager to play Xavier. In fact, he'd like to play Florida too, but would have to have the assurance of first class officiating before leaving home to fill engagements even on a home-and-home basis Clark people take their basketball seriously and Hog Maugh, for one, feels he and his SIAC champions have everything to lose, nothing to gain.

No effort is being made to belittle any SIAC college because of its particular schedule, because, after all, you can't go around with a pistol and demand desirable dates with time, place, and guarantees made to order. The other fellow has a say and when his terms don't conform with what you consider fair and equitable, it's simply "no dice."

Still, it is a fact that John Public is entitled to something. No one would deny any live-wire basketball public in the SIAC is justified in wanting to see games between Xavier and Clark, Florida and Clark and similar "naturals."

College administrators argue that some of these "dream" opponents don't draw well and that they would lose money if they brought them to town. That may be true If so, the fault probably grows out of the fact that the games don't pack the importance they should in the mind of the paying public.

As things stand now, it is clear to see that such "dream" games wouldn't settle much. How could they settle anything when there is no uniformity of schedule wherein games between the respective major powers would be an ultimate piece-work in the settlement of the conference title—when the various clubs don't meet the same and equally tough opposition? At present, they show widely divergent won and lost records that would not be so flattering if the major powers were not so discriminating in whom they select to play.

If the weaker powers were half as selective about opponents as the major outfits they would be heavily booked against clubs of approximately their own strength, thus leaving the big boys to fight it out among themselves. Even this would be more desirable than the present extreme.

Next week is a lull period in the Gate City. Final exams will be on at the various local institutions. Morehouse faces Alabama next Saturday. That is the lone activity. The opening Clark-Morehouse date will be reeled off in the near future. The postponed Morehouse-Xavier battle may not be cleared up this season. If not, Atlanta probably will see nothing of Xavier until tournament time. Not an encouraging fact. But that's the story.

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If Armstrong Loses, He May Hang Up Togs

JAN 16 1941

Henry Confident of Win Over Zivic With Eyes Improved.

By JACK CUDDY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(UP)—Henry Armstrong, seeking greater glory even in the twilight of his career, returns to the ring Friday night in an attempt to recapture the welterweight crown from Fritzie Zivic.

If the Chocolate Soldier fails in this attempt, it may be his last battle—surrender to the marching years—taps for one of the most amazing campaigns in pugilistic history.

But Armstrong, veteran of nearly 350 amateur and professional fights, says he won't fail, now that his eyes have been repaired and his body energized by a long-needed rest.

Hammerin' Henry hasn't fought for three and a half months; not since the night of October 4, when he lost the welter crown to this same Fritzie Zivic, a strong, clever Pittsburgher who virtually blinded Armstrong during their 15 thrill-packed rounds.

Armstrong, the only man who ever held three ring titles simultaneously, lost the last of his crowns that night. And in so doing, his eyes suffered such a battering and gashing that an operation was necessary on his left eye and long treatments were needed on his right.

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"My eyes are as good as new, now," says the 28-year-old Los Angeles Negro. "They've come through training in fine shape. I haven't even used the face mask in sparring; the one I had to put on every time I trained during the last couple of years. Zivic won't be fighting a blind man this time."

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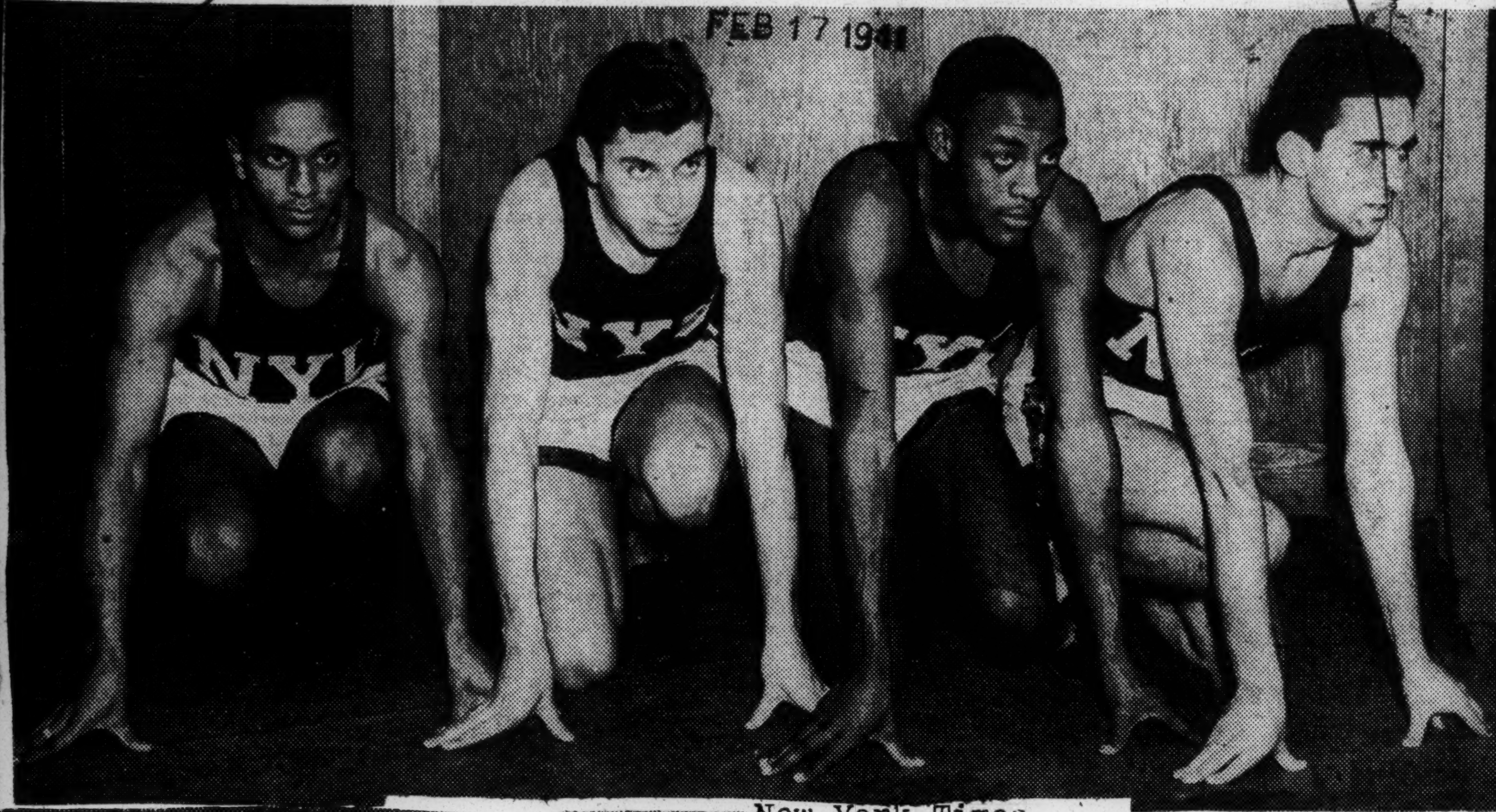

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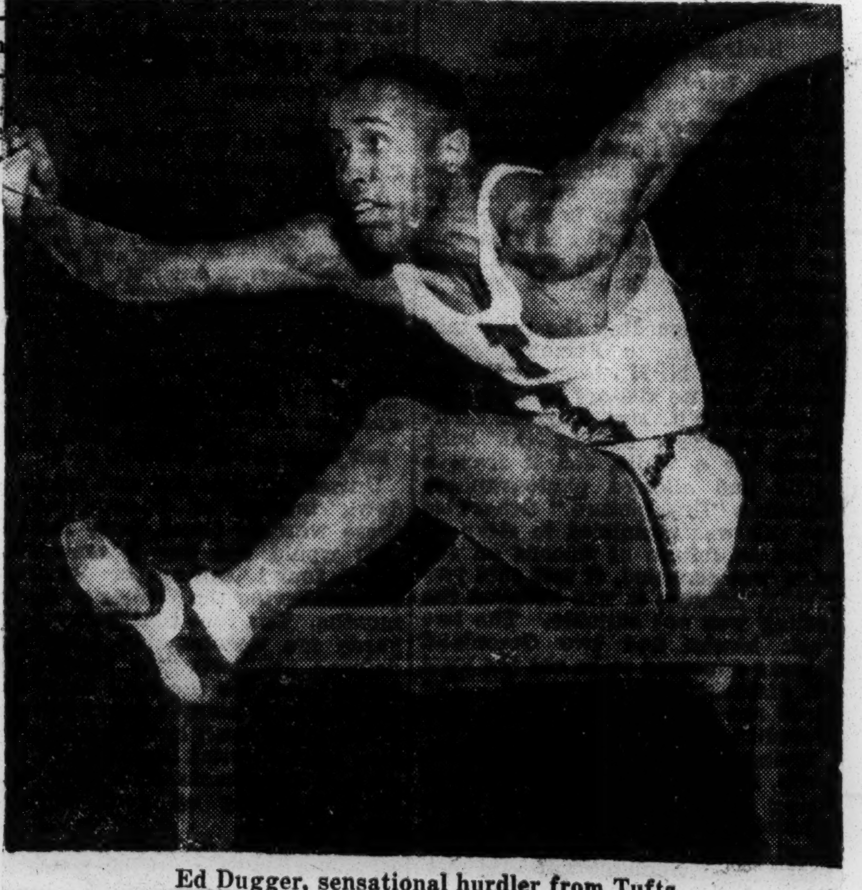

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FORDHAM IS A CONTENDER

Penn State, Penn, Princeton and Pitt Also to Make Bids in the Garden Saturday

FEB 23 1941

The track meet with a flavor all its own, the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. championship carnival, will move into Madison Square Garden on Saturday for its twentieth annual showing. Unless all signs fail this will be a wide-open affair, with N. Y. U. hard-pressed to defend the team title it won a year ago.

The intercollegiates place a premium on team power. Individual titles are nice to win, of course, but the team is what counts and the coaches juggle talent in a constant effort to pick up an extra point here and there.

The Violet won last season with 27 points. The probability is that as few as 23 points will be enough this time. The number of colleges entered, thirty-four, is a record and the spread of points is likely to be much greater than it has been in recent years.

Thirteen Events on Card

The chief contenders will be N. Y. U., which has 5 points in the bank with Leslie MacMitchell; Penn State, Penn, Princeton, Pitt and Fordham. It should be a close race right down to the last race on the thirteen-event program, the one-mile relay.

The defending champions are Barney Ewell of Penn State in both the 60-yard sprint and the broad jump, Ed Burrowes of Princeton in the 1,000, MacMitchell in the mile, Ed Dugger of Tufts in the high hurdles, Al Blozis of Georgetown in the shot put, N. Y. U. in the mile relay and Fordham in the two-mile relay.

The N. Y. U. strength will lie in Dave Lawyer and Jared Fangboner in the sprint, Harold Bogrow and George Hagans in the 600, William Hulse in the 1,000, MacMitchell in the mile, Joe Gares in the two-mile, and the relays at one and two miles. Of those MacMitchell is the only certain point-winner, but the relay quartets should not do worse than second and the 60 and 600 men figure to score, so Emil Von Elling's youngsters may slide through.

Ewell gives Penn State a terrific start since he almost can be figured on for 10 points. The Nittany Lions also have a trio of 6:03 high jumpers, but not much else. Penn has a potential double scorer in the shot and weight throw—Ed Beetem. It also has a good 600 man, Dick Belyea; a good miler, John Drebinger Jr., and [illegible] points elsewhere.

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Pitt Strong in Sprint

Pitt will have Bill Carter and Harold Stickel in the sprint, a good vaulter in Doyle Rhoades and fair strength elsewhere. Fordham will have two crack relay teams, with its mile quartet favored. Jack Campbell is good enough to win the 600, Frank Leary and Walter Cary should register in the 1,000, and Bernie Millham will be in there in the high jump.

The program will be the same as in the past with afternoon trials in sprint, hurdles, 600, 1,000, broad jump and shot put, and the only matinee final, the 35-pound weight throw, held at the Aylward Riding Academy.

The colleges entered include Alfred, Army, Boston College, Bowdoin, Brown, Colgate, C. C. N. Y., Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Manhattan, M. I. T., Navy, N. Y. U., Northeastern, Penn, Penn State, Pitt, Princeton, Rhode Island State, Rutgers, Syracuse, St. John's, Temple, Tufts, Virginia, Wesleyan, Williams and Yale.

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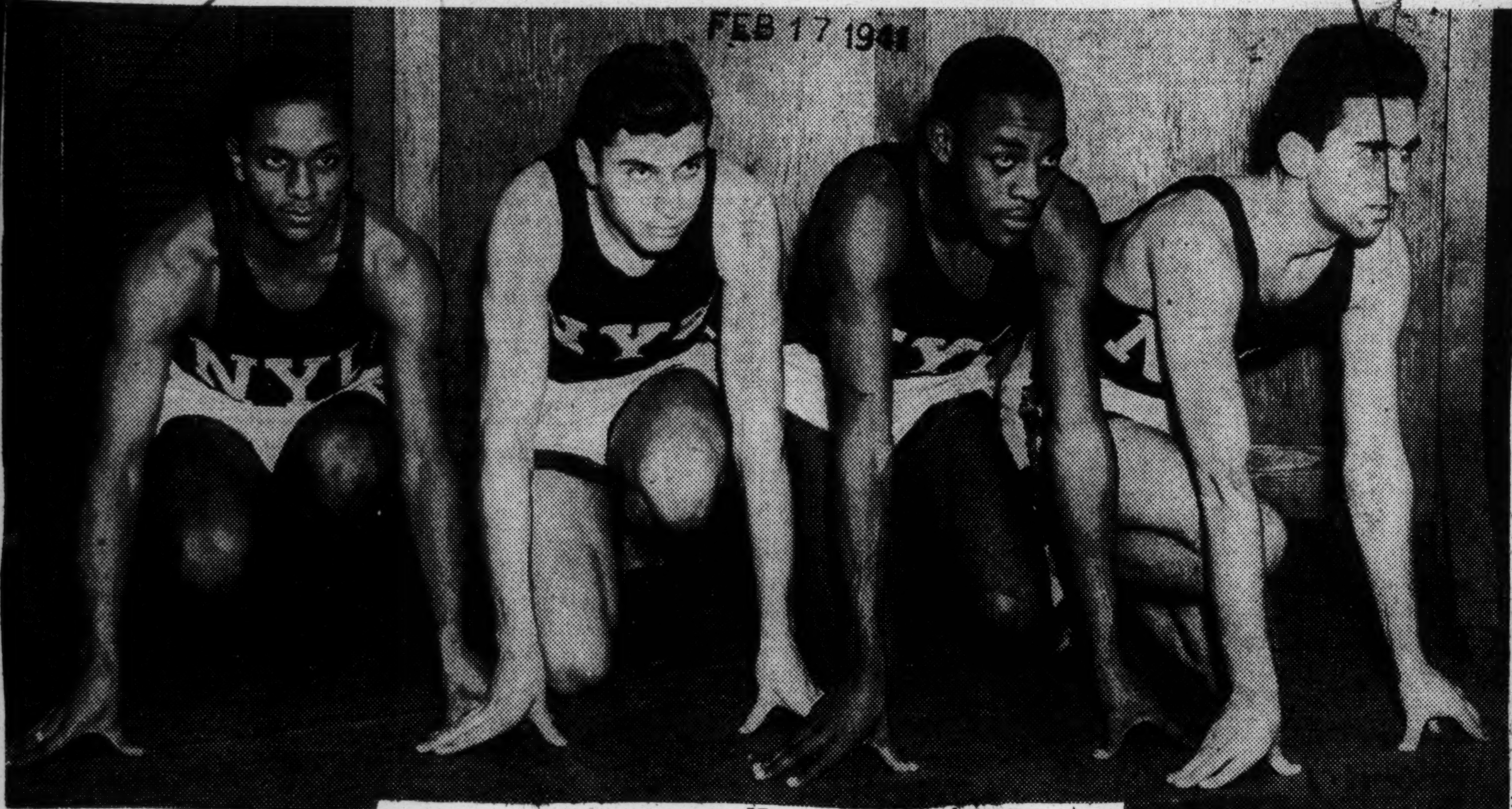

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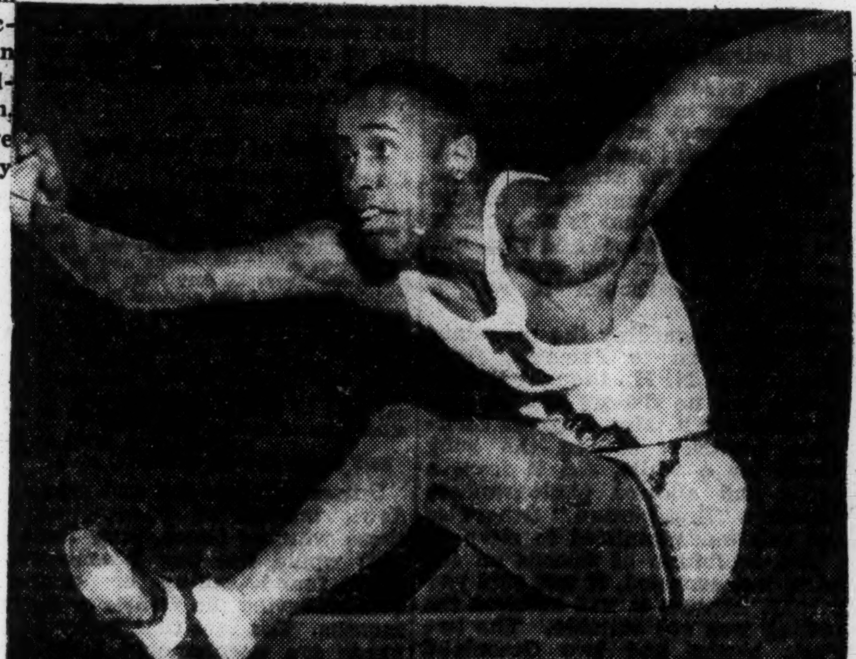

Ed Dugger, sensational hurdler from Tufts

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New York, N. Y.

CLOSE FIGHT SEEN FOR I. C. 4-A CROWN

Wide Spread of Points Likely Among Record Entry Seeking Laurels Held by N. Y. U.

FORDHAM IS A CONTENDER

Penn State, Penn, Princeton and Pitt Also to Make Bids in the Garden Saturday

FEB 23 1941

The track meet with a flavor all its own, the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. championship carnival, will move into Madison Square Garden on Saturday for its twentieth annual showing. Unless all signs fail this will be a wide-open affair, with N. Y. U. hard-pressed to defend the team title it won a year ago.

The intercollegiates place a premium on team power. Individual titles are nice to win, of course, but the team is what counts and the coaches juggle talent in a constant effort to pick up an extra point here and there.

The Violet won last season with 27 points. The probability is that as few as 23 points will be enough this time. The number of colleges entered, thirty-four, is a record and the spread of points is likely to be much greater than it has been in recent years.

Thirteen Events on Card

The chief contenders will be N. Y. U., which has 5 points in the bank with Leslie MacMitchell; Penn State, Penn, Princeton, Pitt and Fordham. It should be a close race right down to the last race on the thirteen-event program, the one-mile relay.

The defending champions are Barney Ewell of Penn State in both the 60-yard sprint and the broad jump, Ed Burrowes of Princeton in the 1,000, MacMitchell in the mile, Ed Dugger of Tufts in the high hurdles, Al Blozis of Georgetown in the shot put, N. Y. U. in the mile relay and Fordham in the two-mile relay.

The N. Y. U. strength will lie in Dave Lawyer and Jared Fangboner in the sprint, Harold Bogrow and George Hagans in the 600, William Hulse in the 1,000, MacMitchell in the mile, Joe Gares in the two-mile, and the relays at one and two miles. Of those MacMitchell is the only certain point-winner, but the relay quartets should not do worse than second and the 60 and 600 men figure to score, so Emil Von Elling's youngsters may slide through.

Ewell gives Penn State a terrific start since he almost can be figured on for 10 points. The Nittany Lions also have a trio of 6:03 high jumpers, but not much else. Penn has a potential double scorer in the shot and weight throw—Ed Beetem. It also has a good 600 man, Dick Belyea; a good miler, John Drebinger Jr., and [illegible] points elsewhere.

FEB 23 1941

Pitt Strong in Sprint

Pitt will have Bill Carter and Harold Stickel in the sprint, a good vaulter in Doyle Rhoades and fair strength elsewhere. Fordham will have two crack relay teams, with its mile quartet favored. Jack Campbell is good enough to win the 600, Frank Leary and Walter Cary should register in the 1,000, and Bernie Millham will be in there in the high jump.

The program will be the same as in the past with afternoon trials in sprint, hurdles, 600, 1,000, broad jump and shot put, and the only matinee final, the 35-pound weight throw, held at the Aylward Riding Academy.

The colleges entered include Alfred, Army, Boston College, Bowdoin, Brown, Colgate, C. C. N. Y., Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Manhattan, M. I. T., Navy, N. Y. U., Northeastern, Penn, Penn State, Pitt, Princeton, Rhode Island State, Rutgers, Syracuse, St. John's, Temple, Tufts, Virginia, Wesleyan, Williams and Yale.

FEB 23 1941

Navy and St. John's of Brooklyn will be making their I. C. 4-A debuts.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Bullet Joe Mitchell Gets Gold Watch For Great Play Against Morehouse. Clark

DEC 1 - 1941

Sales Manager George Kanter of SCHNEER'S, LEADING CREDIT JEWELERS, 48 Whitehall, SW, will attend chapel services at Morris Brown college tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to formally present to Joseph (Bullet Joe) Mitchell a seventeen jewel, gold Benrus Shockproof Watch, adopted by leading American Air Lines.

The gold wrist watch, an annual award by Schneer's for the outstanding performances in city championship games between Morris Brown, Morehouse, and Clark, goes to Mitchell on the strength of two magnificent exhibitions of team play against Morehouse, which Morris Brown defeated 21-0, and Clark, which bowed to the Purple Wolverines 32-0.

COMES INTO TOWN

Bullet Joe, long the most underrated member of the Purple backfield despite the fact the he has always been a devastating and effective team man, came into his own to such a pronounced degree this year that no longer could anyone overlook his destructive and decisive performance.

Mitchell, noted for his old fashioned guts and indefatigable spirit, told intimate associates the story goes, "I'm going to make All-Something this year—or bust!"

MADE GOOD ON RESOLUTION

Evidently, Bullet Joe knew what he was talking about. He has already been accorded All-Southern halfback honors for 1941 and is in a fine sport to achieve All-American recognition as well.

A lad who blocks and tackles for keeps, a very effective runner from the center of the line all way out, and a demon at pass intercepting, Bullet Joe's long suit, oddly enough is in none of these specialties. It's passing. He can really "thread the old needle."

ALMOST PERFECT JOB

Mitchell was at his peak in his last Atlanta game against Clark Thanksgiving Day completing seven of eight passes for 95 yards as his team made good on 10, all told, out of 14 tries for 146 yards. One of Mitchell's was a touchdown heave to George Turpin, another set up a touchdown with Marion Eugene (Red) Grimes on the receiving end, and a third, caught by Jolting Joe Jenkins, eventually spelled a TD. DEC 1 - 1941

Mr. Kanter, as in the past, will be presented by Lucius Jones, WORLD sports editor, and chairman of the board making the annual selection. DEC 1 - 1941

Previous winners of the award were John Braxton of Morris Brown, John (Big Train) Moody of Morris Brown, and Ernest (Hunky) White of Clark. Very close competitors for the 1941 award were Leon (Choo Choo) Elam of Morehouse and Melvin (Jeter) Lee of Clark, as well as Mitchell's own teammates, Captain William Wysinger, Willis Griffin, Grimes and the magnificent climax runner Defoy Arnold.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

N SOUTH AFRICAN LIFE

Armstrong Comes Back --As Fight Manager

NOV 26 1941

Has 3 Promising Young Negro Boys From Coast Under Wing

IS THRU HIMSELF

Enthusiastic About Youngsters—Cheered at Army Camps

NOV 26 1941

Henry Armstrong, ex-triple champion of the ring, walked into promoter Mike Jacobs' office yesterday and asked for some matches. But not for himself. Henry is through fighting, but he's not through with the fighting game. He's found the solution to the urge to return to the fistic wars. He's now a manager, with three promising young Negro boys from the Coast under his capable wing.

Weighing 151 and looking great, Henry explained that he had convinced himself that a comeback would be a mistake. He had several tentative exhibition bouts, went into a huddle with himself and decided that he didn't have enough left of the talent that made him the greatest little fighter in all ring history.

"But never mind about me," smiled the popular 28-year-old fighter who broke all fistic traditions in winning three titles, smashed several Jim-Crow precedents by fighting in St. Louis and Washington and refusing to fight for promoters who discriminated against Negroes, and writes poetry with a social punch. "Let me tell you about my boys."

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He did. They are Mike Delia, a lightweight who has won all but one of 35 fights, that loss being a close decision to the very highly rated Bebby Ruffin; Cleo Shans a flyweight, and Bob Brown, a heavyweight whom Henry says has a lot to learn yet but is learning steadily. Delia is the most ready for big time fights and will probably be seen in the Garden shortly with Henry in his corner. He was a Los Angeles shoe shine boy before fighting, just as Armstrong himself.

Armstrong has always been a keen, intelligent student of the ring and with his great experience has all the requisites for making a successful manager.

In addition to working with his three new fighters, Henry has been appearing at many army camps, giving short exhibitions and speaking from the ring on the necessity of national unity to lick Hitler. He has been received with ovations right down the line, including camps in Oklahoma and other Southern states.—RODNEY.

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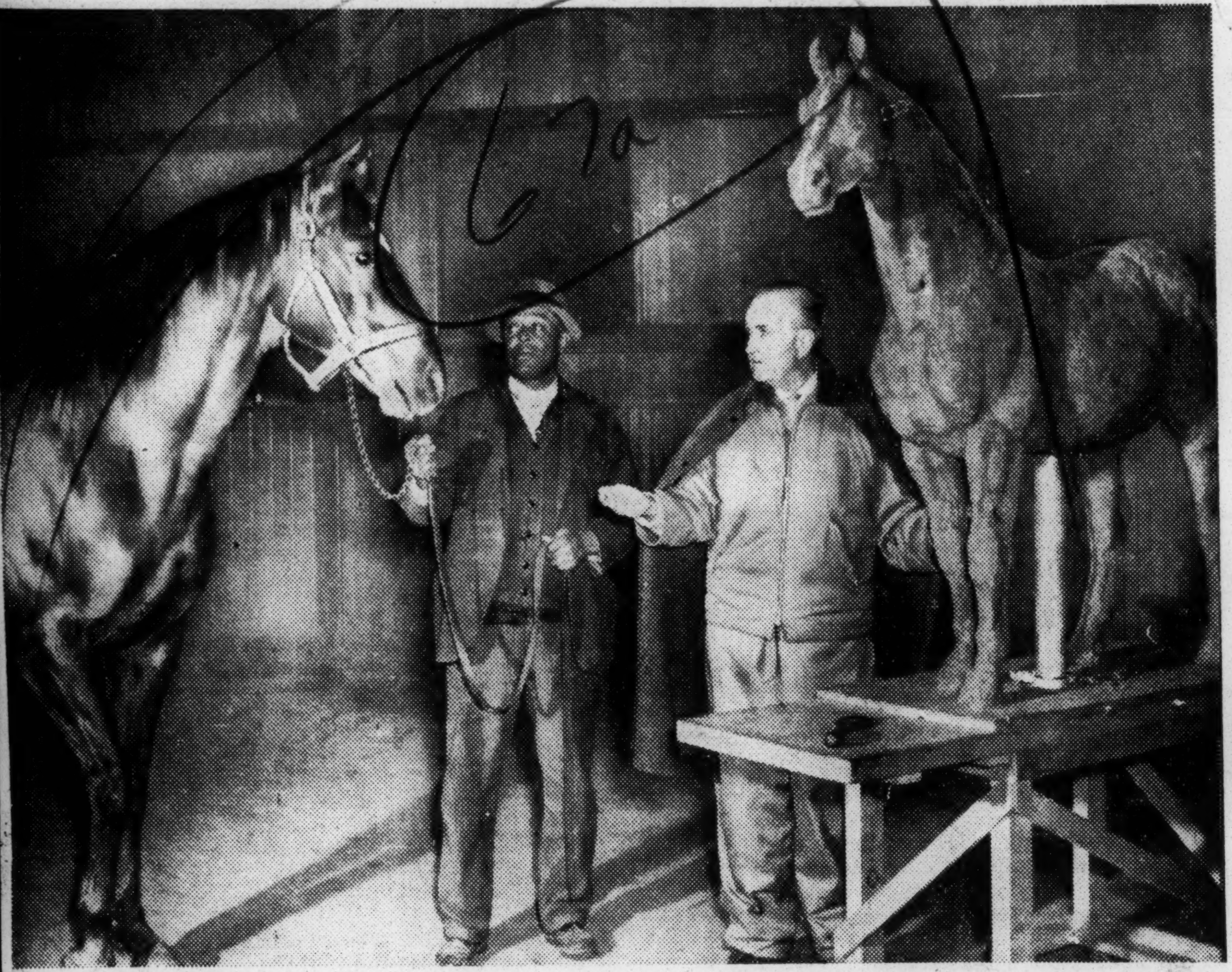
New York Times
New York, N. Y.
DEC 18 1941

FAMOUS RACE HORSE POSES FOR A STATUE



Man o' War and the model made by Herbert Haseltine (right) at Lexington, Ky. Holding the reins is Will Halbut, who for many years has been the great thoroughbred's groom. Associated Press.

Globe and Independent
Nashville. Tenn.

GIANT JEWISH BOXER LASTS ONLY FIVE ROUNDS WITH CLEVELANDER

OCT 24 1941

Recent Golden Gloves Champion Is Being Boosted as Toughest Contender for Joe Louis' Crown

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 23—Lem Franklin, local heavyweight, and one of the most noted graduates of the Golden Gloves contests, established his right to be considered at least as the logical man all other heavyweight candidates for champion to meet before they tangle with Joe Louis, by disposing of Abe Simon, giant Jewish boxer, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout, before a capacity crowd here Monday night.

Simon, who weighed 255 pounds, had a weight advantage of 54 pounds over Franklin, but this availed him nothing when the Cleveland colored boy started to turning on the heat. Franklin, just as did Joe Louis, sent Simon to the canvas in the first round. But, unlike Merciful Joe, Franklin did not cease using his heavy artillery on giant from New York. Franklin floored Simon in the second and the third rounds and then in the fourth pounded the giant all over the ring before bringing him down. Simon was saved by the bell in the fourth round.

Franklin was very savage in the fifth round and sent rights and lefts at will to the head and body of his adversary who by that time was perfectly helpless. The referee stopped the bout after one minute and 33 seconds of the fifth round and awarded Franklin a victory by a technical knockout.

It was the twentieth bout Franklin has fought since becoming a proessional and the 19th straight knockout he has scored.

Many of those who saw the fight contend that Franklin right now is the most logical contender for the heavyweight title and could give Champion Joe Louis the hardest fight of any of the present crop of heavyweight boxers. Franklin, experts say hits every bit as hard as Louis, but is not as fast as the champion. Franklin, on the other hand, has never met a boxer who greatest heavyweight champion of all time.

Tony Musto, who also fought Joe Louis not long ago, is one of the latest victims of em Franklin. In contrast to Louis who allowed Musto to stay for 9 rounds, Lem Franklin disposed of him in less than two rounds.

The publicity build-up for Franklin charges that all of the heavyweight boxers in the country are giving Lem the run-around and that deals in dynamite as does the Joe Louis himself has no relish for taking on such a large order as the Cleveland boy has proved himself to be.

At present, it is generally known that a bout between Franklin and Champion Joe would not draw as well as the promoters desire, and for that reason there is no likelihood of the two gladiators meeting. However, if Franklin, in his drive toward the championship meets all comers as ouis did before he got his shot at the title takes on all of the other contenders, like Billy Conn, Buddy Baer, Lou Nova and Bob Pastor, and defeats them, it is believed the sporting public will demand a Louis-Franklin fight and will get it.

OCT 24 1941

Schoolboy Hall of Fame

World Telegram, New York N.Y.

DEC 1 1941

Charley Welch, ace sharpshooter, is one of the chief reasons Long Island City High's hoopsters beat Newtown.

One of the best athletes in town is Newtown's Reggie Austin, a luminary in both basketball and on the track.

Stuyvesant High's court leader, George Pieteranian, is a skillful, well rounded performer. And he is tough, too.

Captain of St. Peter's High of Staten Island is Frank Landy. Frank is smart and his team's best set shooter.

Roosevelt High's Jerry Kleinman is small. However, he is speedy and a scoring threat when he breaks in close.

DEC 16 1941

Sid Rudes, outstanding wingback on Lincoln's all victorious grid team, now is starring in basketball again.

The Daily Worker
New York. N. Y.

CCNY Elects Goldstein, Negro Runner, Captain

DEC 1 1941

Clifford Goldstein, '43, one of the most promising Negro distance runners in the country and CCNY's ace two-miler and cross-country runner, has been elected captain of City College's cross-country team for the 1942 season, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Anthony E. Orlando, acting manager of athletics and track coach.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Negro Welter Earns $29,662 In First Year

DEC 22 1941

PHILADELPHIA. [AP] — Ray "Sugar" Robinson, the flashy New York Negro hailed as the coming welterweight champion, made nearly $30,000—to be exact $29,661.64—in his first year as a professional fighter.

Promoter Herman Taylor disclosed Robinson's earnings Sunday in telling how he developed the Negro youth from a $75 "rank nothing" preliminary boy to a bigtime scrapper who got $13,000 for his recent New York bout with Fritzie Zivic, of Pittsburgh.

Taylor said he saw possibilities in Robinson when "Sugar" fought on an amateur card here in September, 1940. He reached an understanding with Curt Horrmann, Robinson's manager, and on Nov. 11, 1940, Robison made his first professional appearance. He knocked out Bobby Woods, of Baltimore, in the first round. For this he received $75 and two round trip tickets for New York.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

MORRIS BROWN PUTS TRIO ON ALL-AMERICA

Vulcan Bowl Eleven Has Moody, Wysinger And Griffin On Pick

DEC 29 1941

ATLANTA, Dec. 28—(AP)—Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, claimant of the Negro national college football championship, placed three players Sunday on the 1941 Negro All-America, selected annually by vote of varsity players in Negro colleges.

The all-star team, announced by The Atlanta Daily World, Negro newspaper, was paced to two repeaters from the 1940 All-America: —John (Big Train) Moody, husky fullback of the Morris Brown team, and Roy Gant, guard, of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College. Moody led Negro individual scorers of the nation for the second straight year, piling up 91 points to run his four-year total to 275.

Other backs making the All-America first team were Clarence Nix, of Texas College, star quarterback who distinguished himself as an open-field runner, strategist, passer, punter and place-kicker; Andrew Hopkins, of Prairie View (Tex.), rated the best blocking back in the Southwest Athletic Conference; and Oscar Givens, a sophomore triple-threat of Morgan University, Baltimore.

William (Gus) Gaines, towering 237-pound Negro tackle of North Carolina College who scored 30 points on field goals and extra points, made the first team. He also is a sophomore. A third sophomore named on the team was Roger Pierce, of Langston (Okla.), who this year was acclaimed No. 1 punter of the Southwest Conference.

Morris Brown plays Langston, Okla., in the Vulcan Bowl at Birmingham, New Year's Day.

The first team:

End, Roger Pierce, Langston, 174, Tulsa, Okla.; tackle, William Gaines, North Carolina College, 237, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; guard, Willis Griffin, Morris Brown, 196, Pittsburgh, Pa.; center, Warren George, Kentucky State, 200, Middlesboro, Ky.; guard, Roy Grant, Florida A. & M., 198, Sandusky, Ohio; tackle, William Wysinger, Morris Brown, 190, Knoxville, Tenn.; end, Robert Ivey, Tuskegee, 171, Mansfield, La.; back, Clarence Nix, Texas College, 165, Denton, Tex.; back, Oscar Givens, Morgan, 190, Linden, N. J.; back, Andrew Hopkins, Prairie View, Crockett, Tex.; back, John Moody, Morris Brown, 210, Freeport, Pa.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Jean Lane Is Honored By A.P. Poll

DEC 27 1941

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Jean Bette Lane, Wilberforce university's outstanding track star, was mentioned in the annual poll of the sports editors, conducted by the Associated Press.

Miss Lane received two points in the voting for the "Woman Athlete of the Year."

This signal honor, which came to the Wilberforce senior was close behind her recent election to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Miss Lane had been looking forward to the 1942 Pan-American games which were to be held in South America next fall. The present war situation has undoubtedly removed all possibility of the games being held.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Negro Track Stars Lauded; Joe Louis Praised Lavishly In Remarkably Fine Poem

DEC 29 1941

(BY ALVIN MOSES for ANP)

NEW YORK—BARNEY EWELL Penn State sprinter, recalled to mind Jesse Owens, finest athlete of a generation, when he flashed across the line winner of the 100 yards national (outdoor) title during the '41 season:—HERBERT THOMAS, the kid we predicted four years ago would scar to championship honors, raced 60 yards in 6.2—.

A WINSOME LASS, with the freshness of youth in her cheeks and a pertness that makes us men . . puty in their hands (at least some of us); showed me a brand of speed that blasted old fashioned ideas about "woman's place is in the home", to smithereens. . . .Her name . . JEAN LANE, and she represented Wilberforce university, on the cinderpath Jean's 220 yards in 25.2 and 100 yards in 10.9, made the great (and she is all of that), STELLA WALSH (white) appear as if she stopped to pick up apples as did Atlantis, on the course to victory: . . BUT JEAN WAS NOT THE ONLY BRAWN TONED GIRLIE who thrilled this writer before the swan song of 1941 was played on Decca records:. . . . .

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, beloved temple of learning that was the joy of BOOKER T. WASHINGTON'S life—gave us thrill after thrill on the track with her LUCY NEWELL, LEILA PERRY and ALICE COACHMAN—Lucy scooted 50 meters like a jack-rabbit to win the woman's outdoor AAPU sprint title; Leila won the 80 meters hurdles with an unforgettable timber-topping stint; Alice proved to be a female Cornelius Johnson in beating a high class field of the best high jumpers in America. (Miss Lane, was also a streak-o'-light at 50 yards.)

DEC 29 1941

JOHN (Great Lover) BORICAN track and field luminary of the Shore Athletic club of New Jersey, left no doubt in this writer's mind that he earned a track Ph.D. during the late season. . .Borican raced 1000 yards in 2:11.5; 600 yards (indoors) in 1:10.2; and triumphed over classy fields in both decathlon and pentathlon contests:. . . .ARCHIE HARRIS, who played a consistently good game of football for Indiana university, broke the world's record for the discus throw with a toss of 174 feet, 8 3-4 inches. Harris also played in the football game against the Hartford Blues (Yankees All Stars), November 30 at New York's historic Polo Grounds field.

Joe LOUIS???—well he was simply magnificent (with apologies to President Roosevelt);—The "Sable Rube Waddell," (Satchlefoot) Page, now about 46 years old (whether he he admints to it or not), continued to throw a baseball almost as swiftly as a fighter plane zooms through the stratosphere, last season—his stupid, unpardonable fits of temper did him no credit however, . (ask Mrs. Effie Manley, wife of the owner of the Newark Eagles, for whom he was pledged to perform—but didn't)—Bankhead, one of President Thomas T (Negro National league) Wilson's truly great pitchers, was rated by Bob Feller, as a better workman that Paige:—.

JOE LOUIS, disposed of seven aspirants for the title he has sucessfully defended since taking it from Braddock. . . .The Brown Destroyer figured in the news when he consented to follow the steps of Battling Siki (Senegal's trained seal), by accepting a match with eBar, his end of the purse to go to the jimcrow Navy fund:—But that was BEFORE THE UNITED STATES WENT TO WAR WITH THE TREACHEROUS JAPAN:—Assailed bitterly by feature writers of the Negro Press, a poem was dedicated to Louis by a reader of Dan Parker's column, (N. Y. Daily Mirror), which was so good, we let you in on it:—

DEC 29 1941

AN ORCHID TO LOUIS

I am sorry to say that I haven't
. .the ducats
To take in the Louis and Buddy
Bear scraps;
But I hope if there should be a
break in the luck, its
In Louis' favor, for there is a chap. .

Who is courage, fair play, and service of nation
Puts many a previous champion to
shame;
He's risking his title without compensation
For love of his country,—and good
of the game.

Let his hope that his conduct will
prove but a sample
Of many such deeds, both by—Negro and white;
May the former live up to his splendid example
And get the square deal they reserve in the fight.

That should join us today in a common endeavor
Whatever our part in the conflict
may be,
To preserve and cherish a union
forever
Of all colors and creeds,— in the
lad of the Free!

Joseph L. Hoey, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

DEC 29 1941

JIMMIE MCDANIEL, Xavier university tennis ace, was a standout, aided and abetted in able fashion by Lloyd Scott, Prairie View College; Harmon Fitch, of Winston-Salem; Johnny Chandler, of Fanwood, N. J.; T. R. Lawson, Prairie View; Chicago's Wilber Clarke; Agnes Lawson, Prairie View, Margie and Roumania Peters (sisters), Tuskegee; New York's Flora Lomaz;

and a raft of other good performers, heightened the tennis season:—RAY ROBINSON, who admitted that Marty Servo was the toughest foeman he faced in 1941; Bob Montgomery, "uncrowned world's lightweight king"; Jackie Wilson, maybe the best fighter on earth scaling anywhere near 145 pounds; LEM FRANKLIN, the only fighter with a chance to lick Louis (and he has hands); Ray Guild of Howard university, an ordinary halfback, but one who skyrocked to fame — by placing on the Ivy league snoot-representative. and many others made 1941—unforgettable.

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Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

JEFFERSON SIGNS TO PLAY WITH ALL STARS

Frank Forbes, general manager of the Colored All Stars which meet the New York Yankees football team in the Polo Grounds, New York City, on Sunday, Nov. 30, for the New York Colored Orphan Asylum, Brooklyn Urban league, New York Urban League, Hope Day Nursery, Gothamette club, and the Harlem branch Y.M.C.A., flew to Chicago last Thursday to get the signatures of Ox Anderson, former Texas college blocking back; Bernie Jefferson, former Northwestern and College All Star halfback; Ossie Simmons, former Iowa university star, and Chuck Bowen, former Phillips and Wilberforce center. He left Friday for Los Angeles to sign up Kenny Washington and Woodrow Wilson Strode, two former University of California at Los Angeles aces. Negotiations took place in the office of the Chicago Defender sports editor, representing the game in the west. Left to right are: Frank A. "Fay" Young, sports editor; Frank Forbes, former Howard university star and general manager of Associated Football Charities, Inc.; Shag Jones, former Morris Brown star and part owner, with Bernie Jefferson, of the Chicago Brown Bombers, and Jefferson.—Gushiniere photo.

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Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y

Lem Franklin Knocks Out Abe Simon in Fifth Round

Lem Gives Away 50 Pounds and Goes Ahead To Pulverize Big New Yorker in Less Time Than It Took Louis to Do It; Joe's Was in 13th

NOV 25 1941

CLEVELAND, (Special).—An answer to Joe Louis' successor as the Black Hope of the prize ring is seen in the hard-hitting Lem Franklin, colored Cleveland heavyweight, who on Monday night knocked out the huge Abe Simon, of New York, in less than half the time it took the Brown Bomber to do it when they fought last March in Detroit.

A crowd of 13,256, the largest in the indoor season record for Cleveland, paid $31,623.80 to see this city's favorite boxing son in action.

Weighing 201, the Cleveland puncher, ranked as the No. 2 heavyweight contender, blasted the 235-pound New York Hebrew into a bleeding, battered hulk of flesh in 1:33 of the fifth as a capacity crowd in the Cleveland Arena, on its feet during the entire bout, yelled wildly. Louis knocked out Simon in the 13th in that Detroit bout which Simon hoped would be the basis of a return match with the champion this Winter in Madison Square Garden in New York.

Franklin gave away 50 pounds, was shorter and definitely not as strong as the powerful Simon, but he slapped the New Yorker down for the count of nine with a straight right-handed belt to the head in the first round. He knocked Simon through the ropes in the second, but the hulking Abe was tossed back into the ring as he bounced off the ropes where he took a count of nine before the bell rang.

Simon stayed on his feet through some miracle in the third as Franklin, viciously trying for a knockout, banged him with every punch in his repertoire. Franklin continued his devastating attack in the fourth and almost tired of smacking the big fellow around. Simon finally went down in the last nine seconds of the round. The bell saved him as Referee Joe Sedley was going over to call Franklin the victor. Franklin battered Simon into the ropes in the fifth and Simon was bent over helplessly as Sedley called it off. "They should never have stopped the fight," Simon said as he left the ring.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Brud Holland, great Negro All-American end from Cornell will be one of the stars who will play at the Polo Grounds Sunday, Nov. 30, with the Negro All-Stars against the New York pro Yankees in a game for charity.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

National Champions Place Six On Sports Scribe's 1941 Selection

PLAYER	POSITION	SCHOOL
Marion Eugene Grimes	Left End	Morris Brown
Robert Mike	Left Tackle	Florida
Willis Griffin	Left Guard	Morris Brown
Willie Gordon	Center	S. C. State
Roy Gant	Right Guard	Florida
William Wysinger	Right Tackle	Morris Brown
Robert Ivey	Right End	Tuskegee
William Hall	Quarterback	Le Moyne
Joe Jenkins	Left Half	Morris Brown
Joe Mitchell	Right Half	Morris Brown
John Moody	Fullback	Morris Brown

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HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Charles Bookert (Morris Brown), Eddie Sherfield (Florida), Charles Perry and Eugene Porter (Tuskegee), Earl Thomas (Lane), Elvie Sullinger, (Alabama State), Sam Fair and Henry Warner (Benedict), William Delaine and Columbus Stanley (S. C. State), James Haines (Morehouse).

TACKLES—Haywood Settles (Morris Brown), Howard Gentry (Florida), Robert Ir ing (Morehouse), Arnaud Mitchell (Xavier), Hansel Tookes (Florida).

GUARDS—Alexander Sheppard (Morris Brown), Donald Noble and Charles Edwards (Florida), Murray Townsend (Morehouse), Dennis Stewart (Tuskegee), John Leftwich (Alabama), Arthur Ferrell (Clark).

CENTERS—Clarence Brown and Joh Collier (Morris Brown), Glen Dowdell (Florida).

QUARTERBACKS—George Robinson (Tuskegee), Searl Henderson (Knoxville).

HALFBACKS—Cecil Franklin and Defoy Arnold (Morris Brown), Macon Williams and Edward Gilliam (Florida), Arthur Sawyer and Upshaw Sams (Tuskegee), William Battle (Lane), Joe Crenshaw (Alabama), Marion Leake and George Sheats (Benedict), Moore and Boyd (S. C. State).

FULLBACKS—Eugene Donaldson (Morris Brown), Albert Gant and Leo Harrison (Florida), James Breadon (Le Moyne), Dotson Ellis (Alabama), Sam Jenkins (Benedict), William Pryor (Xavier), Leon Elam (Morehouse), Van Cleve (Tuskegee), Jack Bowman (Fisk).

FORWARD

Later, the annual coaches' all-conference selections will appear. Even later than that, the annual Players' All-SIAC picks will be named in the publications of the Scott Newspaper Syndicate.

But, here, SNS Sports Editor Lucius (Melancholy Jones is giving his personal reflections as to the best possible All-SIAC Football Eleven.

ENDS

I rate Grimes of Morris Brown the best defensive wingman in the loop, closely followed by Sullinger of Alabama. But far and away the best pass receiver in the conference is Ivey, glue-fingered terminal of Tuskegee. Ivey rates among the top scorers with 36 points and Grimes is no slouch as a pass catcher himself, making grabs in both the Tuskegee and Morehouse games for TD's. Delaine of S. C. State is in Ivey's class as a pass receiver.

TACKLES

Mike of Florida swept this observer of his feet with his phenomenal performance against Wilberforce in last year's Orange Blossom Classic. He was a freshman then. This year, Mike has improved himself along many lines and is a downright bully. Wysinger, captain of Morris Brown's national champions and a 1940 All-American tackle, has gained in efficiency. These men rank by a slight margin ahead of Mitchell of Xavier, Settles of Morris Brown, and Gentry of Florida, their chief rivals for the positions.

GUARDS

Griffin of Morris Brown and Gant of Florida, both 1940 All-Americans, get the call without much trouble, though there is little to choose between these men and Sheppard, also of Morris Brown.

CENTER

Gordon is the class of the league....a ball of fire in pep and spirit, a perfect snapperback and defender, ballhawk and kick-blocker de luxe, and a lad who score done of his team's touchdowns and set up the other at S. C. State gave Tuskegee a real scare several weeks ago. His high caliber of play spelled doom for Shaw in the year's biggest upset involving a SIAC club.

QUARTERBACK

Billy Nicks of Morris Brown and Frank Forbes of Morehouse, both of whose teams played LeMoyne this year, share the unalterable opinion that Hall is the best field general they faced. They go further, even rating him over any forward passers encountered. In their book, the whole LeMoyne team revolved around Hall.

The kid is a fair runner, a sensational strategist and passer, a fine team man, blocker and tackler, and one of the most adept control kickers in Negro football. Hall is in a class by himself this year. But Robinson is exceptionally good and has been arsenic in the Tuskegee offense with his educated passing fingers.

HALFBACKS

With seven touchdowns to his credit on breakaway runs, Jenkins of Morris Brown, who had 10 such climax dashes last season, has no serious competition for the left halfback slot. Closest rivals are Leake of Benedict, Crenshaw of Alabama, Sawyer and Sams of Tuskegee, Williams of Florida, Moore and Boyd of S. C. State, all of whom can really carry the mail.

Among the blocking backs, you won't find a better halfback, pass defender, tackler, or blocker than Mitchell of Morris Brown. What is more, he rates with Robinson of Tuskegee, Hall of LeMoyne, and Moore of S. C. State as one of the best passers in the loop.

FULLBACKS

Moody of Morris Brown, with his 70 points and all-round skill he's a quadruple threat offensively), needs no other recommendations, but, in addition, he is a dandy ball handler, pass defender, tackler, blocker and team man. Gant of Florida, the sophomore wonder, has made it highly interesting for the Wolverine star, bagging 65 points and doing some phenomenal line-backing on his own. Elam of Morehouse has been a highly impressive performer and Bowman of Fisk would be a sensation with a more formidable club.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Morris Brown To Show Twice In Bowl Games

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Most football teams are satisfied with one big bowl game a season, but Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, top-ranking Negro eleven, will play in two—the "Peach Blossom" at Columbus, Ga., December 6 and the "Vulcan Bowl" at Birmingham on New Year's Day.

Morris Brown, winner of eight straight games and defending national Negro football champion, will meet North Carolina College for Negroes, only other unbeaten Negro team, at Columbus. Its Vulcan Bowl foe will be either Langston, Okla., University or Kentucky State College.

Langston, winner of six out of seven this year but never a bowl game participant, probably will get the Birmingham bid if it downs once-beaten Prairie View, of Texas, Saturday. Otherwise, the invitation may go to Kentucky State, winner of five out of seven.

While tentative plans for the Vulcan Bowl were rounded out yesterday, Tuskegee Institute announced it had agreed to play Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College in Orlando's ninth Orange Blossom game. Both elevens lost this season to Morris Brown, but to no other club.

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

Hold AAU National Track Meet In South After 30 Yrs.

PHADELPHIA, Nov. 18—For the first time since 1910 the AAU National track and field championships will go South next year. The body at its convention here voted to accept the invitation of Dallas, Texas, for the meeting after it was agreed that there will be no discrimination. Lou Benedetto of New Orleans, incumbent, was reelected president of the body.

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Not since 1910 has Dixie entertained the track and field championships. The South almost got the meet some ten years ago when the convention voted it to New Orleans.

But a few months befroe the gun was to go off, a major row came up over a statement by the New Orleans Association to A. A. U. headquarters that it Negro athletes competed. And, amid cries of discrimination, the organization made a last-minute switch and took the event to Lincoln, Neb.

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Missouri Coach Says Players, Fans Would Have Welcomed Negro Star

Tells of Paige-Feller Duel at St. Louis Last Month

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Don Faurot, young coach of the Missouri University football team that met New York University at the Stadium yesterday, told the Daily Worker that neither he nor the members of the Missouri team had any objections to NYU playing their Negro star, Len Bates, in last year's game at Columbia, Missouri, and predicted that old Jim Crow traditions would go by the board in the near future.

"We stood ready to play NYU with Bates or anyone else last year. I said so then and I say it again now. Any banning came from the University heads themselves. As for myself, every one of the Missouri players, and I think I can speak for the Missouri crowd, too, I can assure you that Bates would have been welcomed like any other American athlete.

"There's no doubt in my mind from observing athletic contests that some of the old customs of discrimination are going to be eliminated, and nobody with the interests of the country at heart can say that won't be a good thing.

"You're absolutely correct in saying that the ban on Bates was not fair in a sense to the sportsmanship of Missouri fans. Why just last month in St. Louis, Bob Feller pitched against Satchell Paige and there was a bigger crowd than the Cards and Browns get out on many a Sunday."

(The game referred to was between the Kansas City Monarchs, Negro team, and an all star major league team, won by the latter 4-1. Paige fanned four in four innings, Feller fanned three in five, each giving two hits. Ken Heintzelman of the Pirates finished the game in great style for the big leaguers and a young Negro southpaw named Hilton Smith showed some great stuff as relief for Paige. On the All Stars were such players as Crespi, Hopp, Cooper, Mueller, Grace).

Faurot wound up by hoping that Bates, NYU's injured Negro player, would be able to play against Missouri at the Stadium. **"We like to play teams at full strength and we don't believe in asking questions as to race, color or creed on the field of sports."**

The Negro-white game at St. Louis mentioned by Faurot is just one of many such played after the season. The games are given meager publicity but pull big crowds wherever they are played. Big league players and a majority of managers in a poll taken two summers ago were overwhelmingly in favor of ending the Jim Crow ban, paying high tribute to the Negro stars they all knew and admired.

On the college football field this year the old Jim Crow custom has been broken twice when both Cornell and Boston University used Negro players in Baltimore against Navy and Western Maryland respectively. The huge "Bates Must Play" campaign carried on at NYU last year and gaining nationwide student support, undoubtedly helped the maturing fight to end discrimination. . . . RODNEY.

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Army Threatens Grid Career Of Beloit College's Eddie May

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Brilliant Three-Sports Letterman in Third Year At Wisconsin Institution; Beat U. of Chicago, 6-0

BELOIT, Wis.—The Army may soon draw to a close the athletic career of Eddie May, Negro star here at Beloit College this year, but he has already carved out a niche for himself in the Beloit hall of fame along with other college immortal athletes.

The colored star is beginning his third year as starting halfback on the Beloit football team and has won varsity letters for the past two years in basketball and one in track, in addition to winning frosh numerals in all three sports.

Draft Board Eyes Him

A fast elusive back, Eddie is running the best of his career this season and Coach Louis E. Means of Beloit is keeping his fingers crossed hoping that he will be allowed to finish out the season. He has applied for enlistment in the special Negro division of the air corps and if he qualifies, he will be allowed to stay in school a while, but otherwise he will probably be called up soon by his local draft board.

Coming to Beloit College after a brilliant athletic career in football, basketball and track at Beloit High School, Eddie starred in all three sports on the college freshman teams and when he was eligible for varsity competition as a sophomore, he immediately proved himself a standout on Beloit teams and also in the Midwest Conference.

Defeated Chicago, 6-0

Outstanding performance of his career was probably in 1939 when he led a march across the goal line of the University of Chicago to defeat the Chicagoans, 6-0. While he specializes only in running, he has everything a coach could ask for in this department. One of the fastest men on the team, he can pick his holes well and has the elusiveness and change of pace which make him extremely difficult to stop in the broken field.

Due to his fancy ball handling, Eddie is always the chief attraction for Beloit basketball fans. Possessing what Coach Means terms "split vision," Eddie amazes spectators, opponents and sometimes his own teammates by passing from any position in almost any direction, including behind his back. His speed also shows up well in basketball and combines with his expert dribbling ability to make him one of the best floor men in the conference.

Does 10 Flat in 100

In track, the colored star specializes in the sprints and hovers around 10, for the 100-yard dash. As a sophomore he was one of the mainstays of the team, but was scholastically ineligible last season, his only one of ineligibility.

Although Eddie never would be classed as an excellent student, he studies hard and does well considering the time he has to take out for sports and outside jobs. While he is the only colored athlete in school at the present time, he is a close friend of all his teammates and is popular with the student body for his modest, unassuming attitude. Fraternity houses frequently invite him to dinner.

Since Beloit is his home town, Eddie has a strong following of fans who watched his high school career and admire his exceptional all-around athletic ability. As a rule, opposing players and fans also show respect for the colored athlete, but during the first game of the season against Monmouth (Ill.) College located in southern Illinois, Beloiters were disgusted by the open antagonism against Eddie, which seldom had been displayed before.

When Eddie leaves, whether it be for graduation, the air corps or selective service, he will be a material loss to Beloit athletics and also to the student body from which he had earned the reputation of being a good fellow.

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Negro Football Star in Game Against Navy

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96-Year-Old Precedent Broken When Cornell Plays Sam Price

By DAN BURLEY
Star-News Sports Editor

Sam R. Pierce, sophomore halfback at Cornell University up at Ithaca, N. Y., became the first Negro in 6 years to play against Navy when Coach Carl Snavely of the Big Red team inserted the reserve speedster as a substitute into the backfield in the third quarter of the game Saturday at Annapolis, Maryland. Navy won the game as expected, 14-0, but Pierce almost got away for a long gain and took part in carrying the ball on several Cornell running plays.

So significant was the fact that a Negro had played against the Naval Academy and at Baltimore in the heart of what is said to be the most prejudiced area outside of Washington, that it is believed that the War Department, and perhaps, President Roosevelt, may be behind the complete change of heart, attitude and prospectus that marked the Annapolis relaxation of one of the nation's most long-drawn out and concentrated vigils to keep all black faces off the gridiron when Uncle Sam's middies were at play.

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The Alexis Controversy

Only last Summer, Admiral Wilson, head of the Naval Academy, in the controversy with Harvard University over the question of allowing Lucien Alexis, Jr., to play in a lacrosse game against the Middies, pointed out that the Navy had never played against a Negro in any sport in its 96 years of athletic competition and never intended to do so. Harvard's W. J. Bingham, head of the regulation of sports committee at Harvard, imediately took the steps in line with Harvard's historic liberal policy in fighting race discrimination. Admiral Wilson had told Bingham that the Navy followed as its policy the rule not to compete against institutions using Negroes on their teams.

"Sam Pierce got into the Navy game at Baltimore, Saturday," Lou Boochever, director of public information at Cornell, told the writer on Monday, "but from the Cornell standpoint, this was not unusually significant, because we treat all accredited students alike. Coach Carl Snavely said before the game he would use Pierce when his turn came. It came in the third and fourth quarters, when Stofer was taken out, and Pierce, his regular substitute, went in.

"Pierce made a few running plays," continued Boochever, "and almost got away for a long gain. He also was in the clear for a long forward pass, but the pass was incomplete.

"Pierce is a fine boy, an excellent student and a potentially fine football player."

No Navy for Holland

Cornell didn't have Navy on its schedule during the three seasons Jerome (Brud) Holland, now coach at Lincoln University, was playing with the Big Red, so consequently, the All-America end didn't become an issue in an almost certain controversy had the Middies been on the Cornell menu. Another Negro player, Charles R. Robinson, 5-foot, 10-inch, 185-pound sophomore halfback from Madison High, in Madison, N. J., is also a member of the Cornell eleven.

Pierce stands 6 feet, one inch, weighs 185, and is a graduate from Glen Cove High, in Glen Cove, N. Y. He is one of the fastest men on the Cornell team and runs the 100-yard dash in 9.9. He's in the Arts College at Cornell, where his scholastic record was so excellent that he was placed on the dean's list in his freshman year. Robinson is a shifty back, who can kick and run. His best offensive and defensive potentiality is his kicking. He is preparing to enter the College of Veterinary Medicine. Both Pierce and Robinson are 18 years old.

Shhh! Keep It Quiet!

The change in policy at Navy comes at a time when the nation is trying its best to quiet discordant elements who are allegedly "sabotaging" the defense efforts of the United States by exposing the hyprocrisies in Federal and State institutions which bemoan racial intolerance abroad while nurturing it at home.

Followers of the fortunes of Negroes in football and other sports in major white universities and colleges still remember the case of Big Bill Bell, the Ohio State University tackle, who was benched when Navy protested his name in the lineup in a game played, I believe, at Columbus, Ohio. Bell is now coaching at Florida A. & M. College down in Tallahassee. His brother, Horace, was one of the greatest ends ever produced at the University of Minnesota. He's also in Florida, helping his big brother.

Last week, the Southern University Conference suspended the University of Georgia at Athens from membership because Governor Eugene Talmadge had charge at Annapolis to "ease up" on that anti-Negro angle, shelve the age-old Navy policy of "No Negroes, by the Great Horn Spoon," and wash their faces and put up the best front possible for the visitors from Cornell.

Thus, when the Navy was faced

ousted a dean because he was accused of advocating racial equality. The conference comprises 41 Southern colleges and universities. Yet, New York University last year supported the University of Missouri's anti-Negro policy by keeping Leonard Bates, star colored fullback, out of the game played at Columbia, Mo.

New York University added to its record of supporting un-American institutions in their discriminatory practices by keeping the co-captain of the track team, George Hagans, and David Lawyer, crack dash and relay man, at home when the Violet competed against Catholic University in Washington. Before that, N. Y. U. had as a precedent the case of Dave Meyers and the University of North Carolina, in which Meyers was benched to satisfy Southern distaste of color. . . . . .

Singh Was Benched

That Maryland is particularly hostile in its attitude toward Negroes in any capacity in which they compete with whites is shown in the case of Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, the sensational pass tosser in the Syracuse University backfield a few seasons ago. Singh was benched at Maryland's request when the Orange played the University of Maryland, near Laurel, Md. Last year, Boston University's star backfield man, Charley Thomas, wasn't allowed to play against Maryland and was benched.

On the other hand, Kenny Washington, Jackie Wilson, Gilmore and Woodrow Wilson Strode, of the University of California at Los Angeles, played in at least two games with Texas Christian on the Coast without incident or complaint. New York University allowed Len Bates to play against Texas A. & M. here three weeks ago.

Knox Seen Behind Scenes

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox is said to have shown evidence that the less there is said about racial conflicts in America, especially in the armed forces, the better. It is consequently easy to envision the doughty owner of the Chicago Daily News giving the word on the q. t. to the boys in with Pierce in the Cornell lineup, the squawks were stifled, even though there was a bulging at the neck as the Southern die-hards tried to swallow the portion of the menu it had always avoided.

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AAU Gives Special O.K. to Gridders for Tomorrow's Big Game

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DeCorrevont, Jones Get Permission to Play With Yanks Against Negro All-Stars—Interest High

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Special permission from Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, will enable Bill DeCorrevont of Northwestern and Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones of Pittsburgh to play with the New York Yankees tomorrow against the Negro All-Stars at the Polo Grounds.

The special ruling by Ferris assures the players that their amateur standing will not be impaired by participation in the charity game.

Great interest was manifested in the game throughout the city as the crack All-Star team wound up its heavy preparation at Randall's Island under the watchful eye of CCNY Coach Benny Friedman, who volunteered to help the Negro aces out. The team was running through plays with snap and precision and feels good about its chances of winning despite the short time they had to work together. The starting backfield will have Bernie Jefferson, ex-Northwestern ace; Lou Montgomery, who starred for Boston College's unbeaten team; Joe Lillard, ex-Oregon and Chicago Card star, and Ozzie Simmons, Iowa flash. Wilmeth Sidat Singh, Syracuse great passing star, will see plenty of action. The line is loaded with famed All-Americans.

IN ACTION TOMORROW
(OZZIE SIMMONS)

Lou Montgomery In Negro Lineup

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Lou Montgomery, outstanding Negro halfback who starred with last season's unbeaten Boston College eleven, will appear with the Colored All Stars against the Yankee All-Stars in a charity contest at the Polo Grounds Sunday.

He is an excellent defensive player as well as a triple-threat on attack, and the Negro eleven will need plenty of good secondary defense work when Steve Juzwik of Notre Dame, Bill De Correvont of Northwestern and the other elusive pigskin-toters in the Yankee backfield get past the line.

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The Pinch Hitter

- **NYU Students Go to the People**
- **And Find They Oppose Jim Crow**

By Bill Newton

When NYU opens its 1941 summer session soon, almost all of the seven undergraduates suspended for fighting Jim Crow in sports plan to take up their studies where Chancellor Chase and Dean McConn decreed they should stop several months ago. That is . . . unless NYU's Jim Crow administrators find new pretexts for discrimination in their determined battle to undermine the United States Constitution. When they suspended the students for the duration of the semester, NYU's administrators violated, among other things, the Constitutional right of petition **(technically, the students were suspended for circulating a petition without university approval)** so it won't be surprising if they drag out some other tricks—and attempt to bar the students from re-entering.

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Whether or not they do, NYU youths aren't going to be fooled—and they're not backing down. In the hottest part of the fight, just after the suspensions, the criticism might have been made of the students that they depended too much on "legalistic" maneuvers. They didn't, or perhaps couldn't, smash university discrimination by rallying mass action. But they kept going, changing their tactics, profiting by their mistakes. And they're getting results.

Robert Schoenfeld, one of the suspended campus leaders, was telling this writer yesterday of the campaign recently waged by the students in a "test" neighborhood—the East Side. Schoenfeld was the president of the Washington Square Young Communist League. NYU had to suspend him along with the others—sorority girl, student council representative member of the American Student Union, Negro leader—because the YCL was playing its part in the student united front against un-Constitutional discrimination.

An earnest young man, anything but disheartened by his expulsion, Schoenfeld was enthusiastic about the newly-formed—take a deep breath—East Side Committee to Defend NYU Students Suspended for Fighting Discrimination. That's a long name for any committee—but such a neighborhood group is new and different, and the name adequately covers its work.

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Right to the People

The committee was sponsored by the East Side Youth Congress and co-operating organizations. Its members went right to the people: the shopkeepers, factory workers, unemployed, housewives. Not college graduates. Not well-to-do. But maybe for that very reason deeply interested in civil liberties, in democratic education. And the petitions and resolutions began to flow in to Chancellor Chase—he who had the gall to recently sign a pro-war statement "against" discrimination in war industries.

More than 1,000 people heard speeches by the suspended students. At least five neighborhood organizations sent resolutions to Chase—the Federation of East Side Social Clubs, the East Side Youth Congress, the Ukrainian-American Youth Club, the Henry Street Settlement House, the Madison House Settlement. Seward Park High School students conducted two meetings on the question. Open air rallies all over the East Side brought the Jim Crow fight to the neighborhood.

What did the people's response show?

"Concretely, that we can rally the New York community against Jim Crow in college and sports," said Schoenfeld. "The people in the East Side realized quite well that the reactionary NYU policy is a threat to the civil liberties and peace of all."

About 40 members of the East Side Youth Congress attended the NYU Peace Strike, which called for an end to Jim Crow and reinstatement of the seven.

"A disgrace to our community, particularly in this war crisis," is what members of the Henry Street Settlement had to say of discrimination at Washington Square.

Alumni Plan to Picket

The people are backing up NYU students. The alumni are awakening—they're planning a picket line at Ohio Field, Graduation Day, June 11. The Alumni Committee to Defend Academic Freedom is gaining new supporters. And the fight goes on—and will spread to other New York neighborhoods, to other schools.

The two suspended students who carried their case to court the other day lost it. The judge decided that the semester was too far advanced for him to rule on their request for immediate reinstatement. But they'll be back in school this summer. And so will the others. For New York University is finding that people—all over the country, to say nothing of New York City—oppose its outrageous policies. With every new flagrant act, the NYU administration has merely isolated itself still further. Jim Crow at NYU is going to disappear—soon.

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More Fans Watch Paige Than Giants

There were 16,000 fans at the Polo Grounds Sunday afternoon to see the big league game between the New York Giants and the Boston Braves.

Across the river at the Yankee Stadium 20,000 fans turned out to see those who are barred from the big leagues—to see Satchell Paige, great Negro pitcher who hurled for the Black Yankees against the Negro Philadelphia Stars.

None of the players in the Stadium games are allowed to play in the big leagues, because they are Negroes. Big league players and managers have spoken out for the excellence of the Negro players and their right to take part in what is called America's National Pastime. But the Jim Crow magnates and their stooge Judge Landis keep the unwanted Jim Crow ban, even while doing a lot of talking about fighting for "democracy."

There were 16,000 fans Sunday at the big league game, which gets all the sports page publicity. There were 20,000 fans at the Negro game, which got almost no mention in the sports pages.

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Jim Crow Hit as Boston U. Negro Stars Are Invited to Play in Baltimore Today

Precedent Broken After Students Protest, Presidents Confer via Telephone

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A tremendous blow was struck at Jim Crow customs yesterday when Western Maryland University specifically invited Boston University to bring along its two Negro stars, Charlie Thomas and Howard Mitchell for today's game at Baltimore.

The Presidents of the two universities, President Marsh of Boston and Holloway of Western Maryland, engaged in a telephone conversation after protests had been heard from students against the "contractual clause" that would have kept the two Negro stars from playing. They announced that the decision was prompted by "sportsmanship and good feeling" and that it would govern all future relations between the two schools.

Two years ago, in a similar situation, Thomas was benched at the request of Western Maryland.

Last year there was a tremendous student campaign at Harvard against the refusal of a Naval Academy coach to allow a Harvard Negro lacrosse player to take part in a game at Annapolis.

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It was announced early this year that the contract with Western Maryland called for Boston U. to bench its two Negro stars, but the action of the students and the Presidents and the whole growing fight to wipe out discrimination at a time when national unity is so important broke through precedent.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

GAMES GO SOUTH AFTER 31 YEARS

A. A. U. Title Meet to Be Held in That District for the First Time Since 1910

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REPORT MADE BY CAUCUS

Di Benedetto's Re-Election as President Recommended—Lift Bars for Service Men

By The Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16—For the first time since the fireworks of a decade ago over attempted exclusion of Negro athletes, the Amateur Athletic Union decided today to permit its national track and field championships to go South next year.

At the same time the organization's nominating caucus recommended the re-election of Lou Di Benedetto of New Orleans as national A. A. U. president and the election of Fred Steers, Chicago lawyer; Roscoe (Torchy) Torrance, vice president of the Seattle baseball Rainiers; Dr. W. H. Parker of Richmond, Va., and Henry H. Coit of Buffalo, N. Y., as first, second, third and fourth vice presidents, respectively. The convention will elect its officers tomorrow.

Settling down to serious business after a round of committee meetings and hours of handshaking, the organization's annual convention voted to hold the 1942 cinderpath championships in the spacious High School Stadium in Dallas, Texas, thereby turning down bids from Chicago and Philadelphia.

Chief Item of Business

This was the chief item of business in the opening general sessions of the convention, and highlighted such other actions as the approval to write into the books all but a few of the 193 applications for records by athletes in track and field, swimming, weight-lifting and horseshoe pitching; assignment of dates and sites for 1942 championships in all sports and a decision to retain the metric system of measurements in track competition.

Not since 1910 has Dixie entertained the track and field championships. The South almost got the meet some ten years ago when the convention voted it to New Orleans.

But a few months before the gun was to go off, a major row came up over a statement by the New Orleans Association to A. A. U. headquarters that it could not hold the affair if Negro athletes competed. And, amid cries of discrimination, the organizers made a last-minute switch and took the event to Lincoln, Neb.

During today's discussion of the 1942 meet in Dallas, which include both senior and junior championships and will be sponsored by the Variety Club of Texas, P. C. Cobb and J. C. Massenburg, the Dallas delegates, told the convention there would be exclusion of no eligible athlete.

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Sponsor Guarantees $8,000

The sponsor guaranteed the A. A. U. $8,000 to defray the expenses of competing athletes.

The convention's first business meeting assigned these tournaments:

Women's outdoor swimming, Neenah, Wis.—July.
Senior boxing, Boston—April.
Women's basketbal, the Missouri Valley district—March 22-26.
Senior handball, Olympic Club, San Francisco—No date set.
Junior handball, Detroit—No date set.
One-wall handball, New York—No date set.
Weight-lifting, Cincinnati—No date set.
Bed-sled, Lake Placid, N. Y.—Junior four-man, Jan. 31; junior two-man, Feb. 7; senior four-man, Feb. 12; senior two-man, Feb. 23.
Senior horseshoe pitching, Louisville—Sept. 19-21 during Kentucky State fair.
Code-ball in the court, Ann Arbor, Mich.—March 15-17.
Code-ball on the green, Chicago—No date set.
Women's long distance team and individual swimming, Philadelphia district—No date set.

Rules Are Liberalized

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16 (U.P.)—The Amateur Athletic Union today lowered the strict bars of its simon-pure code for the benefit of athletes in the nation's armed forces and opened a drive to promote Pan-Americanism through athletics.

Delegates to the convention voted that "during the existence of an actual state of war or a national emergency" men of the armed forces shall be permitted to compete in amateur events without affecting their amateur standing even though members of their service team are professionals.

Commissioned officers and enlisted men may compete "without the amateur status of a contestant on either the service team or the opposing team being affected by the fact that one or more members of the service team have competed with or against a professional in closed service events," the new legislation read.

President L. Di Benedetto revealed in the Foreign Relations Committee's report attempts to organize a Western Hemisphere Sport Federation. It would be designed to create rules for competition between countries of the Western Hemisphere, he said, and adopt eligibility rules to govern participation of athletes.

He disclosed that a team of South American swimmers would come to this country Dec. 13 to participate in indoor meets and that Brazilian, Argentine and Chilean track and field stars probably would compete this Winter in the United States.

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Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fifth Column Colleges: N.Y.U. And Catholic University

Seven students of the Washington Square division of New York university, including two members of the Student Council and the vice-president of the senior class were suspended last week for circulating petitions against banning of three Negro trackmen from a forthcoming meet sponsored by Catholic university at Washington, D.C.

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Because these seven students protested the undemocratic ban against their fellow-students, New York university cracked down a 'la Adolf Hitler, suspended them from school. These protesting students were fighting for a democratic ideal. Their stand was admirable, especially in these times when democracy is such a precious thing.

But New York university, unfortunately, is not interested in democracy. N.Y.U.'s Dean Charles Maxwell McConn admits that the school has an agreement with Southern teams in respect to Negro athletes. Dean McConn says that it is all right for his school to send teams South and leave the Negro members of that team home. He approves of that undemocratic policy. But worse than that, no N.Y.U. student is permitted to question his right to cater to Hitlerism. Like Adolf Hitler, he has a way of keeping protesting mouths shut.

One of the virtues of democracy is the right of one individual to protest the policies of another. If you do not like what that person is doing, you have a right to say so. But not at N.Y.U. Dean McConn does as he likes and the students can take it or leave it.

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Catholic university is a so-called Christian institution. It is supposedly dedicated to Christ and all He stood for. Catholic university is sponsoring this meet and is responsible for this color-ban. Hitler is shaking the very foundation of the Catholic church in Europe because he is against Catholicism. Catholic university is shaking the very foundation of American democracy because it has agreed to discriminate.

Catholic university and New York university are two well established educational institutions. They are teaching young Americans how to live. Like Adolf Hitler, they are teaching young people to hate and hate . . . until it hurts.

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They hurt seven students and three fine athletes last week . . . but like Hitler, they've just started!

Fifth Column colleges are N.Y.U. and Catholic university!

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They're Learning Many Things at N.Y.U. These Days

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And Not All in the Classrooms As They Go About Their Peppy Determined Fight for Democracy in Their School

By Bill Newton

"Let's stare at the faculty committee when they leave the room; that'll show 'em what we think of 'em!"

That's what one NYU student said Monday on the colorful sitdown line they strung along the corridor while the faculty disciplinary committee was considering the case

case of seven students suspended for fighting Jim Crow or the track team.

That remark was typical—not of the real understanding and militancy with which NYU students are conducting their great fight—but of the color, the zest, the typical youthful humor they put into even such a serious struggle.

This is a great fight NYU students are waging. It's important for the future of free education, as well as of democratic American sports life. They're going to win. And are they learning!

Gathering in Washington Square College cafeteria yesterday, many students were going over the events of the past few weeks. And behind the ugly memories of seven suspended campus leaders . . . withdrawal of the right of petition . . . participation of the NYU track team in Monday night's Jim Crow meet at Catholic U., Washington, D. C. . . . the shameful administration lies about why George Hagans, Negro co-captain, was left home, students clearly saw, and told this reporter about, the administration attack on democratic education.

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But they also remember the lighter, more colorful side as they continue their struggle:

Pretty co-eds, sorority pins prominent, joining with youths in an unprecedented sitdown line . . . Uniformed guards standing around uneasily . . . One not-so-dumb freshman cracking: "I wonder if President Roosevelt will want to outlaw this strike because of national defense" . . .

And the usually poorly-attended student council meeting, suddenly forced to adjourn to a larger room because an overflow group of students wants to hear discussion on the suspension . . . The inevitable legalistic red-tape boys trying to stifle Myron Emmanuel, courageous senior class president who has the nerve to use such "shocking" words as "shameful," "vicious," "undemocratic," and . . . ACTUALLY get angry at Jim Crow . . .

When Emanuel, finger pointing accusingly at faculty members present, cuts through "points of order" and "points of information" to score a telling point, the students present cannot restrain themselves, and cheer . . . An outraged professor quickly rises, makes as if to leave the room, tries to stampede the meeting and shuts off damaging accusations . . . During the whole discussion, he makes derogatory side remarks against students fighting Jim Crow . . .

Then the administration "stooge," student variety arises and warns that only the "YCL and the ASU are making profit out of this "fight" . . . Unwittingly, he admits that many Negroes are joining the ASU because of its courageous fight . . . When he finishes, a girl member of the audience can't restrain herself . . . She runs to the door, turns, points: "I'm ashamed to say I appointed you to this council," she cries, face red, and leaves . . . NYU students are learning.

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" Negroes?" . . . NYU isn't Jim Crow, insist Professor A[illegible]worthy, administration apologist . . . "Why, only the other day a few Negroes came to my office to form a club to fight Jim Crow AND the ASU . . . I told them to go ahead . . . Why, I've often eaten lunch with Negroes . . ."

Yes . . . NYU students are learning . . . And they are not forgetting who has joined them in their great fight against Jim Crow: the forces of progress, mainly organized labor—Local 65, UWWE; the National Maritime Union; the TUAA; the Teachers Union; the National Negro Congress; progressive youth . . . Yes . . . NYU students are learning . . . And not just what they hear in their classes! . . .

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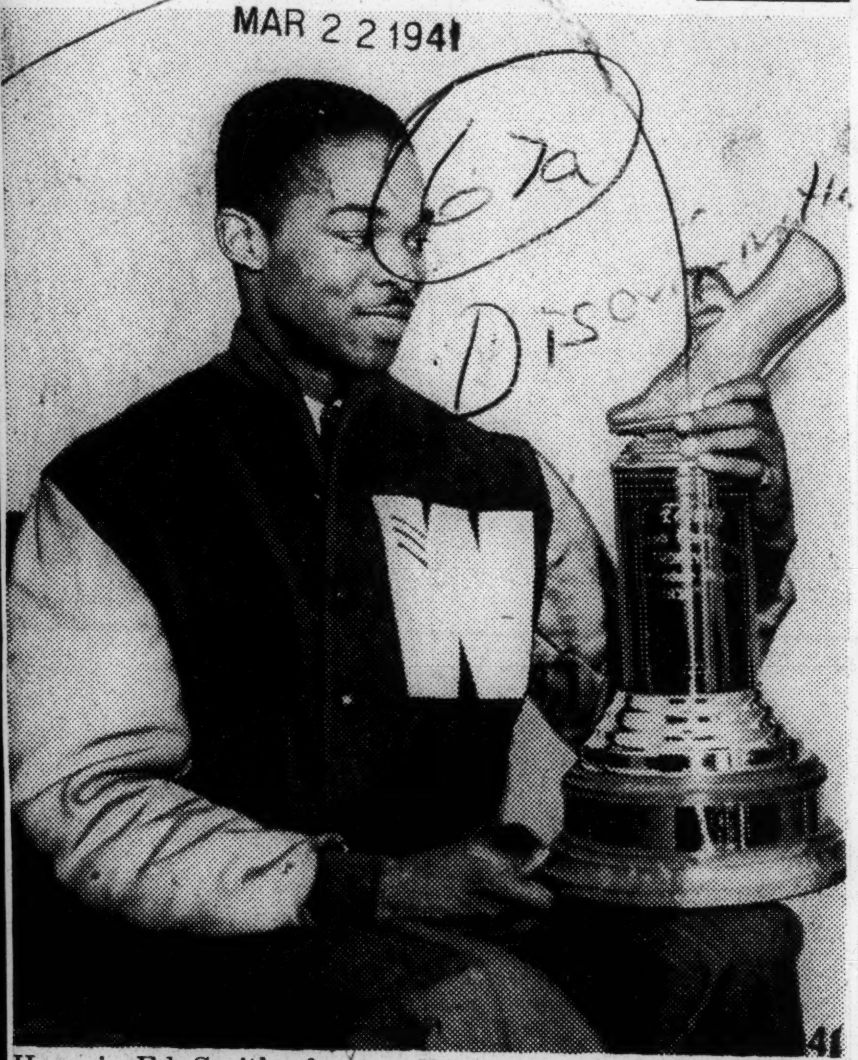
Baltimore, Maryland

Hit by Prejudice

MAR 22 1941



Here is Ed Smith, former Wisconsin University hurdle champion and world indoor record holder at 40 yards, who was barred from the recent University of Maryland track meet. Smith, shown holding a trophy he won last year as the outstanding athlete in the Butler University Relays, never could win such a prize in Maryland because he is colored. His ability doesn't count.

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AN EDITORIAL

Ed Smith won the Butler Relay Best Athlete Trophy two years ago for equaling the world's record twice in one night.

The University of Maryland Middle Atlantic AAU Games at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, last week rejected Smith's application to compete. Reason: Smith is colored.

Color prejudice acts two ways in Southern areas.

Its advocates say it will not compete against men who are colored because they are not good enough.

When they are two good, like Ed Smith, the ban still stands. The boys can't bear to see a colored lad who is good walk off with their medals.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Jim Crow At N.Y.U. Fought

MAR 22 1941

NEW YORK—Six white and one Negro, all students at New York university, were suspended for the balance of the spring semester for taking part in the circulation of a petition which protested the refusal of New York university to cancel its track meet with Catholic university of Washington, D. C., rather than to humiliate two Negro members of the team by leaving them home.

The N.Y.U. team went to Washington without David Lawyers and George Hagens, co-captain of the squad.

The action of the coach has been severely criticized by the majority of the students. The action of the university trustees which backed up both the coach and the dean who suspended the seven students, brings out clearly the Jim Crow policy of the university itself and follows closely on the heels of the barring of Leonard Bates, formerly of Lawrenceville, Va., from the football team when it met southern white teams even in New York City.

The students held a "trial," in which the seven suspended students were found not guilty after Samuel A. Newburger, International Labor Defense attorney pointed out that none of the seven suspended students had been warned that the passing of any petition had been against the rules of the university.

Since three of the suspended students are on the dean's list of honor students, two are due to graduate in June and all seven are high ranking students of the university, the case may be taken to the civil courts in order to force the university to give them fair American treatment.

Attorney Newburg pointed out that the university officials "tried" these seven students behind closed doors and refused to allow them the advice of counsel which is a violation of the Fourteenth amendment.

The seven suspended students are Argyle Stoute, leader in the fight against the Jim Crow edict placed on Bates as well as the present case; Evelyn Maisel, white, president of the Council for Student Equity; Robert Schoenfield, white, president of the Young Communist league; Jean Bornstein, white, president of the Peace Committee and vice president of the American Student union; Mervyn Jones, past president of the Students' Council; Naomi Bloom, white, member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi society.

Many parents of the seven suspended students are backing them in this fight.

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Baltimore, Maryland

Cubans Puzzled at American Baseball Color Prejudice

(ANP)

MAR 29 1941

NEW YORK — Cuban baseball fans can never quite understand why Americans persist in keeping foreign and American colored people out of big time baseball.

The frenzied natives of Bastistaville, avow as how, 65 per cent of all players developed in the Pearl of the Antilles, are far superior to the dime-a-dozen, garden variety who draw down from $4,500 to $8,000 warming big league benches.

For the past three weeks or more, hot-headed Larry McPhail's doughty Dodgers have been getting more than they bargained from the mixture of pure Castililans and just as pure colored.

Commenting on this, Jack Jones, Harlem's rabid baseball historian writes:

"Contact McPhail, and suggest to him that it's worth $200,000 to his club to send a representative to South America to sign the Cuban pitching wonder Bragana for his aging pitching staff, we've got to get someone to break down this color-bar stuff."

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Baltimore, Maryland

Biased Whites Fail to See Colored Stars

APR 12 1941

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Because strong prejudices against colored exist in all parts of the country, it is pointed out by a large national weekly magazine that those prejudiced whites are depriving themselves of some of the greatest entertainment values in the world when they allow radio advertisers to cater to their whims and foibles.

Citing the names of Ethel Waters, Marian Anderson and Duke Ellington as examples of tops among colored entertainers, the magazine points out that the radio listeners are having their ears pounded by an inferior grade of entertainment just because the prejudices of the minority whites, refuse to listen to high class colored performers.

Called Lack of Courage

The ridiculousness of the situation is emphasized all the more keenly when the radio complains of not being able to furnish anything new in the way of radio entertainment, whereas there is a gold mine of material awaiting the radio advertiser courageous enough to sell his sponsor, and a sponsor courageousness enough to accept an all colored program

Well enough to allow colored performers to have sustaining time, but to get in the big money is a crime. An outstanding example of this is the Southernaires who have the record for continuous performance on the air, yet no one is brave enough to sponsor the cleanest, highest type of quartet ever assembled.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

NYU Alumni Rally Against School's Jim Crow Policy

APR 17 1941

Form Committee to End Discrimination and Win Reinstatement for Suspended Students; Latter Back Harvard Struggle

Continuing their struggle against Jim Crow, NYU students were heartened yesterday by the formation of the Alumni Committee for the Defense of Academic Freedom to "rally for the defense of academic freedom at our Alma Mater."

In issuing a sober pamphlet which reviewed the Jim Crow fight at NYU, a number of prominent Violet graduates revealed that their committee is organizing with these aims:

1. To end Jim Crow at NYU.

2. To force a fair and open trial for the seven students suspended for opposing discrimination in sports, giving them right to counsel and witness, hitherto denied.

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3. To reinstate them immediately and unconditionally.

Exposing the feeble administration arguments, the committee urged other alumni to protest the shameful suspensions to Chancellor H. W. Chase and Dean McConn; to ask friends and fellow-alumni to protest; and to join the organization, whose headquarters are at 1 Fort Washington Avenue, care of D. A. Brown.

Carrying on its campaign, which figures to have great popularity with NYU's progressive graduates, the committee will conduct a meeting this Friday night at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th Street, on "The Alumni in the Defense of Education."

The sponsoring committee of the Alumni group is made up of Theodore Bakerman, Archibald Bromsen, David A. Brown, Eli Cantor, Vera Feigan, Howard Housman, Dr. Samuel Machlis, Lillian Maisel, Dr. Sidney Moses, Morton Padnos, Dr. Marvin Rauch, Ruth Silver, Dr. Irving Spitzer, and Bert Witt, who is national head of the American Student Union.

Meanwhile, NYU students—preparing to link the fight on Jim Crow with next week's Peace Strike—are not forgetting the struggle against discrimination on other campuses.

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Six of the seven suspended students sent a letter of support yesterday to the Harvard Committee for Defense of Democracy in Education, which is fighting the ban on a Negro lacrosse player in the recent Harvard-Annapolis game.

The inspiring letter "heartily congratulated" Harvard students, and recalled the "courageous struggle of Crispus Attucks, that Negro American hero who gave his life on Boston Common in the struggle for the independence of our country. We look to you at Harvard to carry forward in the same spirit."

Signing the letter were Argyle Stoute, Evelyn Maisel, Anita Krieger, Jean Bornstein, Robert Schoenfield, and Mervyn Jones.

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New York Age
New York, N. Y.

DEAN OF N. Y. U. WRITES

DEAN E. GEORGE PAYNE of the School of Education, New York University writes an interesting letter concerning the controvery over James Coward, star athlete who was said to have been the victim of discriminatory action at N. Y. U.

Because of the widespread interest in the case we reproduce Dean Payne's letter in its entirety herewith and without comment:

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"I have read your editorial in your paper of January 11, entitled "Discrimiantion at N. Y. U.," and also several statements in your number of January 18 concerning assumed discriminatory treatment of Mr. James Coward, a student in the School of Education. All these statements are so obviously based upon misinformation that I should like to give you the facts. Mr. Coward transferred to the School of Education from Brooklyn College after two years of varsity competition in that institution. A transfer student, under the regulations of those institutions with which we compete, must have had in the institution to which he transfers, and in this case the School of Education, one year of work before he is eligible for varsity competition. When the list was sent to the School of Education by the graduate manager in October 1940 to determine the eligibility of the various persons applying for places on the squad, the examination of the record indicated that Mr. Coward had twenty points to his credit. The minimum requirement for one year of work is twenty-four points and, therefore, in October he was declared by the scholarship committee ineligible. It should be noted that there is no question about the quality of the work Mr. Coward has completed, but merely a rule which he had failed to meet because of an inadequate amount of credit as required by our faculty. Neither the University policy nor the policy of any athletic board had anything to do with the matter. This situation was explaned to Mr. Coward, and he graciously accepted the decision and indicated that he would take his final year of varsity competition, and he has only one year, during 1941-1942 so that he could have a full year in varsity competition at N. Y. U.

"Furthermore, this was explained to a group of students, but they refused to accept the explanation. I should say that there are probably not more than twenty-five to fifty students in the whole group at the Square of approximately thirty thousand students who raised any question. Therefore, instead of the student body being dissatisfied, it is a very small and insignificant group that is making all the noise. As a matter of fact, all the student papers vigorously upheld the action of the School of Education and supported it.

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"As a matter of fact, since Georgetown and North Carolina both have the same standards, they would not have played our team with any ineligible player, whether that player be white or a colored student. Up until the time this small group began its publicity, Mr. Coward had at no time played on the team and, at that time, could not have been a valuable player in competition, the necessary practice with the team to have been a valuable player n competition. This was well known to the protesting group. In my conferences with this group it became obvious to me that they were not concerned about discrimination but had more motives back of their protest.

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"I should like to say further that it is my considered judgment, after investigation, that no institution in the country is seeking more determinedly to avoid any discrimination against a Negro than is N. Y. U. The fact that we have more Negroes at N. Y. U. than there are in all the Universities north of the Mason and Dixon line is evidence of our attitude and treatment. I have, myself, asked the Negro Culture Group and the James Weldon Johnson Society here at the University to undertake a research into the matter of discrimination to discover

whether they can find any case of discrimination in the School of Education. If they can find any sort of discrimination whatever, I should go the limit to prevent its occurrence. One of the major interests of my life and the one to which I have given more time and energy than any other is the fight against discrimination of all kinds, and particularly against the innumerable discriminations against the Negro group in our society. My emphasis has been placed there because of the universal discrimination against the Negro, and because I feel that we cannot have a true democracy and permit this discrimination to continue.

"Furthermore, I have requested on several occasions that outstanding leaders among our Negro citizens sit down with me and others to plan a concerted program designed to promote our common efforts toward the elemination of discrimination against Negroes. I have stated further that since we must not work at cross purposes, if I could not convince them that my efforts were directed properly, I would not continue along the line of my efforts. Many such conferences have been held with outstanding leaders of this group and we have had no difficulty in those cases in agreeing upon a common program.

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"What concerns me most is the fact that we have here an institution which is taking the lead in a furtherance of the movement toward the realization of our democratic ideals, and yet the work that institution in that direction is being impaired by the continual publication of misstatements based upon false representation. It would be a great pleasure to sit down with you or any other of your group and discuss this whole matter. Those of you who are engaged in a common cause cannot afford to do things that will interfere with the realization of our objectives."

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

ASSAILS BAN ON NEGROES

APR 25 1941

Representative Kean Protests to Navy in Harvard Incident

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—A protest against "racial discrimination" in Naval Academy athletics was sent by Representative Robert Kean of New Jersey to Admiral Russell Willson, superintendent of the Annapolis Academy.

Kean said he noted news articles stating that the Navy lacrosse team refused to take the field against Harvard because one of the Harvard players was a Negro. Kean is a graaduate of Harvard.

"At a time when we are conscripting into the armed forces of the United States all boys of military age without regard to creed or color; when many Negro young men are volunteering their services, to die if necessary, in the defense of their country; when the Negro people are called upon to do their part in meeting the tax burden which now confronts us," Kean wrote, "the action of the midshipmen and the authorities of the Naval Academy in raising the question of color comes with ill grace and is subject to the severest criticism.

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"When I attended Harvard there were a number of outstanding Negro athletes there and I had the privilege of playing on a team with a Negro boy. At no time was there any friction among teammates or the student body, and I can conceive of no justification for the action displayed by the Naval Academy in this instance.

"I most strongly protest against it and respectfully request a full explanation."

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Here's to Dear Old Harvard

John Lavater, who lived in Germany two hundred years ago (1741-1801), in discussing people whom most humans despise, said: MAY 3 1941

> He who, when called upon to speak a disagreeable truth, tells it boldly and has done, is both bolder and milder than he who nibbles in a low voice and never ceases nibbling.

We have such nibblers who ought to be despised. William Blake, an Englishman who admired Lavater, went much further. His marginal comment on this was "Damn such."

Last week's nibbler whom Blake would have damned was Rear Admiral Russell Willson, superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Exposed as the man who refused to permit Navy's lacrosse team to play Harvard unless the Crimson benched its colored player, Admiral Rusty has been nibbling.

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First he said that Harvard embarrassed him. Then he declared that he didn't insist that Harvard bench its colored player. Then he pointed out that the Naval Academy once had a colored middie and treated him O.K. Finally, he exclaimed that he and the academy were free of racial prejudice.

Nibbling, we call it. He knows that the Navy excludes colored sailors except as cooks and mess attendants.

Thanks to the New England spirit Harvard is no nibbler. Called to speak upon a truth disagreeable to Navy, the Harvard corporation announced boldly:

> In the future, athletic committees shall make it plain to other institutions with whom we are competing that it is Harvard's principle that there should be no racial discrimination among our students.

As Lavater says, there is nothing like speaking plainly and getting it over with.

The motto of Harvard is the Latin word, "veritas," meaning truth, and every Harvard man learns the sentence: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," even though he may not realize that this quotation is from the eighth chapter of St. John in the New Testament, the thirty-second verse.

The truth that Harvard has learned is that men can be free only when they disregard racial differences.

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All races are welcome to Harvard University, to study in its classrooms, libraries and laboratories, to live in its dormitories and to play on its teams.

Harvard is maintained by private funds, but in its racial policy it is far more democratic than the Naval Academy, which is supported by the taxes of all the citizens, colored and white.

So today we salute Harvard University and President James B. Conant. May its spirit live forever, for this is the kind of truth that can make our democracy free.

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The Hitlerism that America sees in Germany prevails in our own U.S. Navy. It is unfortunate for the nation that a wise and astute statesman like President Roosevelt does not realize it.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Student Pressure Forces NYU Dean To 'Explain' Bias

Students Reveal Open Anti-Negro Faculty Incitement in Protests Against Jim-Crowing of Athletes, Suspensions; Fight on Policy Mounts

By Lester Rodney

MAR 28 1941

The pressure of protest against the expulsion of the seven NYU student leaders has been so great that Dean McConn of Washington Square College has started sending a three-page form letter of "explanation" for the brutal action to protesting groups and individuals. Open anti-Negro incitement by members of the NYU faculty were also revealed by students, as was the unsuccessful attempt to make the Negro track member, George Hagans, appear to acquiesce in the Jim Crow policy. The form letter begins:

"Please accept my apologies for this impersonal form of reply; the number of communications received preclude a more individual response."

The seven student leaders, all high in their studies, were suspended for handing out leaflets protesting the third straight act of discrimination by NYU's administration against Negro athletes, the barring of co-Captain George Hagans from participation in the Catholic University Meet at Washington, D.C. As a basis for the suspension, Dean Baltzy, chairman of the discipline committee, stated:

"The falsity of statements made in the third paragraph of the petition was definitely established by a personal statement made by Mr. Hagans to Dean McConn."

This contemptible falsehood, also tried and exposed in the case of Len Bates, football player last fall, was shown for what it was by the signed statement of both Hagans and David Lawyer, other Negro track star of the NYU team. They wrote on March 3:

"We have never seen Dean Mc Conn or Mr. Axworthy in our lives, particularly regarding Catholic University."

The seven students were tried individually and in secret on March 10 before Dean Baltzy's committee. They were allowed no witnesses, no counsel, parent or friend, although there were two employes of the University to testify AGAINST them. The members of the committee themselves acted as prosecuting attorney, judge and jury. Students engaged in a sitdown strike in the halls for an open hearing, receiving support from labor and liberal organizations, religious and Negro groups. Their request was denied.

The caliber of this academic inquisition against free expression and democracy in sports is best revealed by the writings of Dean Baltzy in the Washington Square Bulletin of March 20, in which he said:

"No friend of the colored people would play with such dynamite as is involved in raising this issue (discrimination against Negroes at NYU—ed.) . . . it is a well known part of the policy of communist organizations."

ANTI-NEGRO POLICY

Revealing the basic anti-Negro and anti-democratic nature of the NYU administration heads, Dean Baltzy, according to a sworn affidavit, said:

". . . I don't like the Negroes smell. I think they have a peculiar odor."

Professor Tanner speaking for the administration, told a student delegation flatly.

"It is our privilege to take colored athletes off the team."

And Athletic Director Phillip Badger told a student delegation.

"If a white girl doesn't want to sit next to a Negro student it is her privilege to move."

Among the organizations that have condemned the fascist-like cracking down on students who dared to protest this blatant Jim Crow policy are the American Law Students Association, the Teachers Union, the faculty of Sarah Lawrence College, Jewish People's Committee, Vassar Phi Betta Kappa, Harvard Phi Betta Kappa and innumerable labor organizations and student groups from other colleges.

Also included in the storm of protests pouring into NYU since the discriminatory athletic policy was revealed have been petitions from 57 colleges and high schools, including North Carolina and Alabama; the complete basketball team of CCNY, the football team of Holy Cross University and Georgetown of Washington, D. C., the basketball team and coach of North Carolina U., and such individuals as Albert Maltz, novelist and NYU instructor, and William Blake, novelist.

7 Present Case At Harvard Congress

The seven NYU student leaders expelled for protesting against Jim Crow will present their case to the Harvard Congress for Democracy in Education convention this weekend. All seven are students in high standing. Three were presidents of student organizations. All have refused to renounce the fight against NYU's Jim Crow policy for which they were expelled.

It was also learned by the Daily Worker yesterday that on the recent occasion of the National Collegiate Association basketball games played at the University of Wisconsin, at which Badger of NYU was present, seventeen members of the Wisconsin faculty and the student University League for Liberal Action issued a leaflet of protest against NYU's Jim Crow policy and the expulsion of the seven student leaders.

Wisconsin two years ago refused to take part in a track meet at the University of Missouri in which a Negro member of its team was not invited along with the rest.

In the leaflet distributed to the thousands at the Wisconsin game it was stated, in part,

"Today more than ever before Jim Crow discrimination must be fought. The principle of divide and rule is being invoked to break our democratic traditions and to eliminate progressive movements."

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Students Still Fight Ban On Negro Athletes

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NYU Authorities To Keep Decree Active To Jun. 1

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Organized student action is daily gaining momentum through public and widespread protestations against the New York University administration which, to date, has made no move toward reinstating the seven students who were suspended March 6, for circulating a petition which declared against conspicuous Jim Crow practises on the part of the authorities of the university.

The sore spot of the petition which particularly stirred the administration read as follows: "We call upon the Board of Athletic Control to halt its policy of Negro discrimination in sports which has brought dishonor to our University."

Student indignation was first felt when Leonard Bates, Negro fullback on the N. Y. U.-Missouri game last November 2. The Administration was petitioned by 5,012 persons to change its policy of discrimination.

The second incident involved Jim Coward, Negro basketball player. Coward was declared "technically ineligible" by the Board of Athletic Control and kept off the N. Y. U. team, which prevented him from playing in the two southern games scheduled.

The latest disregard for both racial equality and student opinion was expressed in the banning of three Negro members of the N. Y. U. track team from participating in the March 10 Catholic University track meet at Washington, D. C.

Dissension between student body and faculty became more active when delegations from labor unions, religious organizations and Negro groups staged a sit-down strike outside the room where the suspended students were being tried by the N. Y. U. discipline committee without benefit of witnesses, counsel, parent or friend. The demand was for an open hearing, for the immediate and unconditional reinstatement of the suspended students and for the abolition of the discriminatory policy of the University.

Dean Baltzly, chairman of the discipline committee, stated, as a basis for the suspension, "The falsity of statements made in the third paragraph (above quoted) of the petition was definitely established by a personal statement made by George Hagans (Negro co-captain of the N. Y. U. indoor track team) to Dean McConn." Hagans signed a statement saying he had never seen Dean McConn in his life.

Despite the student and national protest pouring into the office of Dean McConn, the suspension order will hold until June.

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New York, N. Y.

On The Score Board

Scribe's Dinner And Other Subjects

By Lester Rodney

APR 2 1941

The fifth annual dinner of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Monday night was the best yet, as befitted the best court campaign in local history. The twelve all metropolitan nominees received scrolls of honor after packing away steaks with the same dexterity they showed going in for layups. And the scribes put on their first show, "Hoop-la," which kidded everybody and anything connected with the game of basketball. Your operative performed as chief "allegeroo" dispenser of CCNY. (Messrs. Rapp and Coudert were not invited.) Presentations of "mahoscars" by the "basketball academy of arts and sciences" included an award of a tin cup to Promoter Ned Irish as **"the man who has done basketball the most."**

The all metropolitan nominees had a special table and made an animated group. The passwork on salt, pepper and rolls was something to behold. Checking over the table we found six Jewish boys, two Negro, two Italian, one of Irish descent and one of German descent, which is fairly typical of New York City college basketball. Many of them had never met before socially and it was interesting to watch them warm up conversationally as the evening wore on. The twelve players honored by votes of the scribes, in case you've forgotten, or were silly enough to miss the country's best newspaper, the Sunday Worker, were:

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Holzman and Phillips, CCNY; Kasner, Brooklyn; Schectman, King and Lobello, LIU; Hasslinger and Cerrone, Columbia; Kaplowitz and Stevens, NYU; Garfinkel, St. Johns and Loeffler, Fordham.

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King Is Still Waiting to Hear from Hertz

Incidentally King said that he was still waiting to be contacted about playing on the professional football Yankees by Doug Hertz, the magnate who told the Daily Worker in an interview that he "would be glad to hire any Negro football player who fitted into his plans for the Yanks." There are few better ends in the country than King, and he'd definitely play next year, Mr. Hertz.

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Rules Committee Blasted by Coaches

Local and visiting coaches were unanimously (and justifiedly) bitter at the National Rules Committee, which for the second straight year completely ignored the request of the coaches for standardization and proceeded to further muddle the game. Nat Holman, retiring president of the Coaches Association, was very plain.

"Please quote me as saying that the greatest handicap to the game of basketball today is the rules committee." The coaches had unanimously recommended further standardization of the game, making the present backboard and ball official. The rules committee voted for fan shaped backboards and the rubber ball, which can only work against levelling out the sport for inter-sectional games.

It was very broadly intimated by the coaches that the manufacturers of the fan shaped steel backboard and the lively rubber ball were behind the new rulings. Threats of secession and the forming of a new rules committee were also heard. "There'll be no fan shaped backboard at CCNY," said Holman. The others agreed. How little the dictatorial rules committee considers the welfare of players and fans is indicated by the fact that its pet steel backborads would severely limit the view of people sitting behind the baskets.

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Armstrong Not 'Through'— He's Just Beginning

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Henry Armstrong has begun his bigger fight . . . the fight on the side of his people and real democracy. The young Negro who came out of Los Angeles to win three straight worlds titles and put his name down in the book as the greatest little fighter of all time made his first speech Monday night at a meeting of 3,000 in Harlem to protest the discrimination of the bus companies, which refuse to hire Negro workers. Henry said:

"I've come to learn that unity makes power. And this bus discrimination is just a minor obstacle to the path of what we're trying to attain. We as American citizens have given with the best of them. What we're demanding now is equal rights and equal opportunities. I want to tell you that I won three titles in the ring—but that was nothing to what I'm going to do in this fight."

It's a tough fight you're in this time as a people's champion, Henry, tougher than anything you met in the ring. The enemies of equal rights for the Negro people know all the tricks and then some. Watch your footwork and don't let them feint you out of position. In this fight even the "referee" is apt to turn and take a sock at you. And they use foul tactics. Keep punching, Henry, the way you did when you knocked out 37 straight opponents.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

NYU Students Hit Jim Crow

Continue Fight to Force Faculty to Reinstate Seven Suspended Pupils in Hagans and Lawyer Case; Dean McConn Fights Back

APR 5 - 1941

BY DAN BURLEY
—Sports Editor—

New York University jumped back into the spotlight this week when aroused students announced their intention of continuing their fight to reinstate seven honor pupils expelled on March 6 until June for protesting the Jim Crowing of Capt. George Hagans and David Lawyer of the Violet track team.

So great has been the student pressure on the anti-Negro elements in the institution's administration that last week it was reported that Dean McConn of the Washington Square College has started sending a three page form letter of "explanation" for the unprecedented action to protesting groups and individuals.

Circulated Petition

The seven students-Argyle Stoute, Evelyn Maisel, Anita Krieger, Robert Schoenfeld, Gene Bornstein, Mervyn Jones and Naomi Bloom were suspended for circulating a petition in which they called upon the "Board of Athletic Control to send our Negro track stars to the meet sponsored by Catholic University in Washington, on March 10. .. We students uphold the right of our Negro track men to participate in this meet...We call upon the Board of Athletic Control to halt its policy of Negro discrimination in sports which has brought dishonor to our University."

Right now, Washington Square is steaming. Picketing, protest meetings, in fact, every form of peaceful protest is going on to force the school to reinstate the students. It was learned that Harold Bogrow, co-captain of the track team, refused to participate in the Washington meet after Hagans and Lawyer were left home because they are colored.

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To Air Policy

Soon, it is expected, the whole policy of the University toward colored athletes will be brought out into the open and when it does, things are expected to happen and happen fast. The students are harping on the Leonard Bates case in which the football star was left home because the University of Missouri didn't want to play a Negro south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Jim Coward, colored basketball star, was declared "technically ineligible" by the Board of Athletic Control and kept off the Violet five, preventing him from playing in the two southern games scheduled.

Old timers also recall the celebrated Dave Meyers case in which the colored backfield ace was kept on the sidelines when NYU played a southern school in New York.

The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.

ADHERING TO TRADITIONS

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SEVEN STUDENTS were suspended at the New York University recently for a protest against jim-crowism. The situation was made public when a group of students resented seven outstanding track stars being left off the team sent by the University to participate in a recent track meet at the Catholic University located in Washington, D. C. Investigation into the situation revealed that the administration of the University barred the athletes from the team. There is much that could be said about this particular incident but we wish to make only one observation. Both schools seem to have their own traditions, one which is democratic and the other which is un-democratic. New York University should not allow its good name and its policy to become corrupt with the evil seed of jim-crowism because the Catholic University demanded that they leave the Negroes at home. At this particular time in American history it is a down right shame and curse on humanity that one school supported by a religious faith should adhere to such a cheap policy. It is still worse that another institution of higher learning should concede to another institution destined to support un-democratic ideals.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Congressmen Berate Jim Crow At Naval Academy

APR 27 1941

Terms Position In Harvard Matter "Un-Amerian"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP)—A letter to U. S. Naval Academy reproving the institute for its attitude on the recent debate with Harvard over the participation of a Negro athlete into the Congressional Record on Wednesday. Said Rep. Kean:

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"My dear Admiral Wilson:

"I note in the enclosed article, which appeared in the Newark Evening News, of April 20, that the lacrosse team of the naval academy refused to take the field against Harvard when one of the members of the Harvard team was a Negro. I cannot understand such an un-American attitude by the authorities of the academy.

"At a time when we are conscripting into the armed forces of the United States all boys of military age, without regard to creed or color, when many Negro young men are volunteering their services their country; when the Negro to die if necessary in defense of people are called upon to do their part in meeting the tax burden which now confronts us on including the maintenance of the Naval academy the action of the midshipmen and the authorities of the naval academy in raising the question of color comes with ill grace and is subject to the severest of criticism.

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"When I was attending Harvard there was a number of outstanding Negro ahtletes there, and I had the privilege of playing on a team with a Negro boy. At no time was there any friction among teammates or the student body, and I can conceive of no justification for the action displayed by the naval academy in this instance.

"I most strongly protest against it and respectfully request a full explanation.

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Mrs. Harry F. Ward is shown above as she was presented a bouquet of flowers by Marvin Jones, suspended from N.Y.U. for anti-Jim-Crow activity, at a banquet in honor of her work for peace. —Daily Worker Photos

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Negro Golfers Force Way Into Democracy at Lily White Course

If they had been any other nationality but Negro Americans they might have played unmolested on the federal-controlled Potomac Golf Course at Haines Point, but since they were Negro Americans, then it was a horse of another color.

At least this was the experience of a group of local golf enthusiasts who sought to get in a few shots last Sunday.

Three members of the Royal Golf Club, Jay Asa Williams, president and a postal employee; George Williams, a school teacher, and Cecil Shamwell, top ranking golfer, sought to avail themselves of tickets purchased earlier by one of the fairer skinned of their trio.

The 18-hole course has been leased by the federal government for five years on a renewed contract to S. G. Loeffler, for 20 years operator of the public golf courses under the Capital National Parks setup here.

The ticket taker at the golf balked when he saw the three Negroes. He inquired as to their nationality, whereupon the three in question promptly answered, in chorus, "Americans." But this didn't satisfy the persistent ticket taker, so he questioned further. The trio finally replied, "Colored Americans."

Negroes Barred

Whereupon the rather confused person of the first part, the ticket taker, told them he could have admitted them if they had been of any other nationality, but since they were Negroes he was sorry but that Negroes were not admitted to the public course.

The trio then went to Edgar G. Brown, director of the National Negro Council and president of the United Government Employees. They recited the story.

They returned to the course in company with Mr. Brown and three additional members: Mrs. Paris B. Brown, president of the Wake Robin Golf Club; Emmet A. Sullivan and Miss Delores G. Brown.

Again the ticket taker refused to recognize the tickets. The three men nevertheless, picked up as the procedure dictated and on their turn, pressed through to take their place to tee off No. 1 hole. They again presented their tickets. They insisted on their rights, and got it.

Hit Perfect Drives

There was much commenting by white onlookers, a gesture of interference and other types of molestation, but each of the trio got off perfect drives down the fairway.

Two black policemen of the federal government accompanied them from hole to hole up the ninth after which three policemen trailed along, to see that there was no trouble.

At the ninth hole, which is near the club house, a few catcalls and threats were made. One of the policemen tabbed a "n——r lover" by one of the more irate of the white spectators. But belligerency of the whites dissolved before the warnings of the federal policemen.

At the twelfth hole a windstorm darkened the day, a terrific wind swept in off the Potomac River, so the group called it a day and went home.

Edgar G. Brown conferred this week with Secretary Ickes and other federal officials to urge that all public facilities under the government of the nation's capital be made available to all American citizens, regardless of race, creed or color.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

3 Players Break Jim Crow Rule

WASHINGTON

Discrimination on public-owned golf courses in the District of Columbia was successfully challenged when three golfers refused to be barred from the East Potomac Golf Course, Sunday, because of their race.

The golfers bought tickets to the course and, upon presenting them to the ticket taker there, were told, after disclosing that they were "colored Americans," — that "If you were of any other nationality, I could admit you, but colored persons are not allowed to play on the East Potomac course."

This course was leased to a Mrs. S. G. Loeffler on a five-year renewal basis. She obtained it on this basis and has been an operator of public golf courses under Capital National Parks for a score of years. This is an appendage in the Department of Interior, of which Secretary Ickes is head.

Seek Edgar G. Brown

These golfers, J. Asa Williams, president of Royal Golf Club and postal employee; George Williams, school teacher; and Cecil R. Showell, top ranking golfer, were dissatisfied with this result and decided to "see it through." Heretofore they have been playing on the nine-hole Langston golf course, near the housing project of the same name.

The trio sought Edgar G. Brown, National Negro Council and United States Government Employees director. After relating their story to Mr. Brown, in company with the Wake Robin Women's Golf Club prexy, Mrs. Paris B. Brown, Miss Dolores G. Brown and Emmet A. Sullivan, the group set out for the Potomac course at Haines Point. Again the tickets were turned down.

Showdown

Deciding to press their claim, the trio racked up as the Potomac course procedure dictates, and on their turn, 102, pressed forward for their turn to tee-off on No. 1. Officers of the U.S. Park police, fearing trouble, dispatched six officers to the scene to work in relays and protect the "unwanted" golfers.

After some delay, during which time the men insisted on their right to tee-off, but paused to do the usual golf courtesy of letting a foursome through, they triumphed over attempted interference and heckling by a group of dissenting whites.

The three men directed long shots from the first tee and were away, without molestation. Park police followed the threesome all the way, and, although a few catcalls and threats were audible at the tenth tee, near the club house, a few boisterous spectators were dissuaded by the officers from forming a gallery for the players, and so dispersed.

The threesome turned in some excellent golf. Par for the course is 72, and Shamwell had a 71; Asa Williams, a 74, and George Williams, a 76.

Following this first thrust at unlawful segregation in Washington, Mr. Brown will confer during the week, with Secretary Ickes and other federal officials; to urge that all public facilities under the government of the nation's capital be made available to all Americans, regardless of race, origin, creed or color.

Guardian
Boston, Mass.

COLOR BAR IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE

Editor's note: A nationally famous magazine has refused to publish a short article by THE GUARDIAN associate sports editor which attacks the major league color bar against colored Americans. THE GUARDIAN presents the censored article in three parts, beginning today.

By MABE KOUNTZE

This is decidedly a case and a challenge to Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

The facts are these:

1. There are no Colored Americans in the Major Leagues.
2. Colored Americans are the only Americans barred from the Major Leagues.
3. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is fully aware that Colored Americans are being barred under his administration.
4. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was appointed to protect Major League Baseball from all evils— and racial discrimination is one of the worst evils of Democracy.

(Ed. Note: If this sounde like the July Fourth Declaration of Independence it is only because the facts are similar.)

WHY COLORED LEAGUES?

It has been argued from exceptionally high places that nothing can be done about colored in the Major Leagues until colored organize their own leagues for the development of colored players.

Well, let's see now.

Colored baseball leagues have been operating at least since 1906 and hundreds of great colored ball players have been developed—and barred. Every baseball expert in the country knows that Leroy "Satchel" Paige was major league calibre. Paige is one of many.

So there goes that argument.

And why should it be paramount that there be special leagues for Colored Americans? Was this the situation with German-Americans who are said to be in major league majority?

Were the brilliant DiMaggio brothers forced to come up through Italian leagues? Was Honus Wagner barred for the want of a Dutch league? And what of the other American minority groups, the Jewish, the Slavs, the Irish, and all the rest?

If we are going to be fair and consistant about this thing we're eventually going to reach the conclusion that the colored-league argument has been more of a "stall" than a solutioon. .

WOULD PLAY TOGETHER

Many of the colored players I have had the good fortune to see in action played ball on "mixed" teams, mostly white. Often the lone colored boy would be a pitcher and let me tell you his complexion did not matter in the least.

When the dusky ball player was hurling his team to the league pennant every white boy was behind him to a man.

In a sentimental sense they liked the colored ball player because he had talent, a good natured character, and worlds of showmanship that made the turnstiles click.

In a business sense they liked the colored ball player because he kept the club at the top and likewise their salary and prestige. If somebody on the ball club didn't like the colored boy, do you suppose that the team manager would fire this star pitcher?

Do you think the Boston Red Sox —provided they had him—would fire Satchel Paige? Not by a long shot.

Now this is the same situation that would exist if a good colored ball player was purchased today by any of the 16 major league club owners. Nobody would want to cut his own pennant hopes by damaging his own star player. The manager would see to that!

Managers like Connie Mack would fire a whole team if necessary, and from what I've seen, the Majors can afford to fire whole teams and start from scratch with colored players.

PLAYERS VOTE COLORED

Contrary to some opinion, the players in the major leagues are not against the entry of colored super-stars. Oh yes, they would have to be super-stars to reach the top. But they would be accepted.

Practically all of the white major league veterans of today have played pre-season or post season exhibitions with colored. These games have been played on the East and West coasts and on the islands in a sort of "off the record" proof of good-will between the races. These white players include Babe Ruth, Charlie Gehringer, Lou Gehrig, Dizzy and Daffy Dean, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmy Fox, Larry French, Buck Newsom and Mike Ryba.

Some of these players are now major league managers or coaches and they include Joe Cronin, Boston Red Sox; Leo Dorocher, Brooklyn Dodgers; Bill Terry, N. Y. Giants; Frankie Frisch, Pittsburgh Pirates, Dizzy Dean of the Cubs. One could go on naming players like Dick Bartel, Joe Kuhel, Lefty Gomez, Earl Averill, Rube Walberg, George Ernshaw, Wally Berger and others who have played against colored and mingled in friendship during the off seasons.

From these veterans of experience one finds a probable 90 per cent vote in favor of colored entering the major leagues. And lest this sounds without proper foundation may I point to the major league player poll—the first on record, conducted a few years ago by the Pittsburgh Courier, a Colored weekly, showing the National and senior major league managers, players and coaches heavily in favor of removing the color bar. Among the most outspoken were Dizzy Dean; managers Bill McKechnie of the Reds, Casey Stengel of the Braves; Danny McFayden, Albie Fletcher, Honus Wagner, and Hugh Mulcahey of the Phillies, now with the Yankee Division. This will certainly amaze some skeptics. . ."

MORE NEXT WEEK

"Color Bar in the Major Leagues" will be continued in THE GUARDIAN next week, exposing more of the facts in the case—facts which pack so much dynamite that no white publication will dare print it.

You've read what the players and managers think. Next week read in THE GUARDIAN what the sports-writers, Commissioner Landis, and Clark Griffith of the Senators think. Here are the facts.

Coming also will be a statement by a Commissioner of the Colored Professional Leagues, a history of colored players who HAVE played in Organized Baseball—including Leroy Grant; the story of Rube Foster and a prize list of colored players whom experts say could have easily made the major leagues had they not been barred by the color bar.

People too often talk about the color bar without full knowledge of the actual conditions existing between white and colored players. Once it was said there would never be another colored heavyweight king. For some refreshing new ideas read the "Color Bar in the Major Leagues."

A story that was too hot for white magazine publishers!

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Santa Barbara College Star Barred From Meet

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., March 13.—Lowell Stewart, high scoring ace and star center on the Santa Barbara college quintet, was barred from participation and left behind when the team entrained for the National Intercollegiate Basketball tournament now underway in Kansas City.

Stewart was barred when tournament officials declared Negro players would not be allowed to participate in the meet because many Southern teams were competing.

The college student body, led by Willard May, editor in chief of the school's paper, scathingly denounced the tactic of the national basketball association, sponsors of the tourney.

It was reported that San Jose College passed up an invitation to participate in this event because two of its star players on the varsity team were members of the race.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

NYU Suspends 7 Who Objected to Race Ban

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NEW YORK, N. Y.—Drastic measures were instituted last week by authorities at New York University to break up a student protest against discrimination. Seven students, including the vice-president of the senior class and two members of the student council, were suspended by Dean Charles McCann for circulating petitions against the banning of three colored athletes from a coming track meet with Catholic University at Washington, D. C.

The athletes are Fabian Francis, hurdler; George Hagans, a member of the relay team, and Dave Lawyer, co-captain of the track team and one of NYU's best sprinters.

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The suspended students were Guy Stoute, Naomy Bloom, Anita Krieger, vice-president of the senior class; Robert Schoenfeld, Mervin Jones, Evelyn Neisel, senior representative of the student council, and Jean Bornstein.

The petition, directed to the board of athletic control, demanded the inclusion of the three athletes in the track meet, which was scheduled for May 10, or the withdrawal of the squad.

Harold Bogrow, co-captain of the track team, issued a statement in which he expressed surprise that New York City was still continuing its policy of discrimination begun during the football season, and urging a different stand. The student council also released a telegram from the Carolina Good Sportsmanship Committee of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, stating that the students there were in favor of competing against any colored athletes representing New York University.

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The telegram follows: "Carolina students expressed willingness to play against Jim Coward (colored basketball player at NYU) here, but NYU officials said ban due to technicalities not to jim-crow policy. Discrimination against trackmen indicates conscious discrimination policy of NYU. As southern students we vigorously oppose this policy and heartily support your democratic fight. Signed—Carolina Good Sportsmanship Committee."

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Bogrow, who is white, said in his signed statement that "the athletic board and athletic authorities at New York University and all other athletic organizations involved should insist that Catholic University, Washington A. A. and other track promoters abolish their jim crow ban and give Negro athletes their right under this democracy to compete in these meets."

Leonard Bates, a member of the football team, was banned by NYU authorities from making a trip to Missouri when his team played the University of Missouri, and Jim Coward of the basketball team was banned from a game with North Carolina University on the excuse that he had not kept up with his studies.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

No Colored Stars Invited to Catholic U. Track Meet

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By JOE SEWALL
(Tribune Sports Editor)

We might as well face the facts of any situation when we find them. Now it can be said without fear of contradiction that the Uline Ice Arena stands as a collosal monument of sport to plant deeper in the policy of this city the putrid germ of race prejudice fostered by the expedient weapon of the bigots—Jim Crow.

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Monday night Catholic University sponsors its eighth annual indoor track meet, to be held at the Uline Ice Arena, the same atmosphere that hung out the "not wanted" sign for Negro Americans on the night the Ice-capades opened.

Invitations have been sent out to several of the leading white stars to appear at this indoor meet that is expected to attain the popularity of several of the larger indoor meets held in New York and Boston. Paradoxical as it may seem, the athletes that are invited have all competed against Negro track and field stars and have not been contaminated and on that night will have to take some shallow acclaims for victories won in events that will not feature the dusky competition that has been the competitive backbone of indoor meets in the great majority of events they have participated in.

Track Liberal

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The American track world has long tossed discrimination into the ash heap. Every meet has its quota of Negro stars. Boys from North and South run in spirited and friendly competition with their Negro brother athletes. Jesse Owens, greatest of an uncountable list of Negro track stars is already down in history as the greatest of all time. He had to go to Berlin in 1936 to find discrimination in the track world. And even Hitler didn't dare refuse him permission to run. He just didn't shake his hand upon Owens's victory. Catholic U. is going the Nazi a step better.

Saturday night's intercollegiate championship meet at the Garden saw Negro stars in practically every event. Ed Dugger of Tufts won the hurdle chapionship. Barney Ewell of Penn State, Bill Carter of Pitt and Lawyer of NYU finished second, third and fifth in the 60-yard race, Clifford Goldstein of CCNY finished fourth in the two-mile race, Timmes and Fields of St. Johns paced their mile relay team to victory, and Lawyer and Hagans ran on the NYU relay team that finished third.

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Catholic U. has now dared to inject its putrid brand of American Hitlerism into the sport of track, the sport to which Negro stars have traditionally made their most magnificent contribution, the sport that has rejected Jim Crow right down the line, the sport in which American Negroes almost singlehanded won the 1936 Olmpics, the sport in which the NYU track team itself has elected Negro captains for the past two years.

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'We Are Proud of Our College,' Is CCNY Team's Answer to Rapp-Coudert Attack

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Calls Budget Slashing REAL Subversive Activity, Hits NYU's Jim Crow, Suspension of 7 Students

Putting their fingers on the really subversive activities —the Rapp-Coudert slander campaign, professional budget cutting of education and drawing the color line in sports as at NYU—members of the newly crowned city championship CCNY basketball team vigorously opposed the current Rapp-Coudert "investigations" of their school in a statement distributed at Madison Square Garden Monday night before the big game with NYU (won by CCNY).

Joining with the team in the statement was the City College Committee to Defend Education, composed of student leaders, editors of campus publications and supported by eleven college clubs.

The text of the statement, entitled, "We Are Proud of Our College and Proud of Our Team," follows:

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WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COLLEGE AND PROUD OF OUR TEAM

We are tired of seeing City College wildly misrepresented by public enemies, who want to save a few million dollars in budget-cuts at the expense of our education and college reputation.

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The Rapp-Coudert slanders have no basis in fact—CCNY students and teachers are Americans. Our scholastic standards are among the highest, our graduates include men like Felix Frankfurter, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Edward G. Robinson and John Kiernan, and our basketball teams have always been outstanding in sports.

Both students and teachers of the College have always expressed devotion to all the principles of democracy. They have always favored equal opportunity for all in athletics and in all other walks of life, regardless of race, color or creed. That is why all CCNY students will join with the students of NYU in branding as subversive the barring of three Negro track stars—Captain George Hagans included— from today's Southern track meet in Washington, D. C. No real American can but condemn the suspension of the 7 NYU students who dared to oppose this "Jim-Crow" policy.

Slander, professional budget-cutting and drawing the color-line in sports—these are the really subversive activities. We student representatives have banded together to the end that CCNY be fully protected, and that the true story of its contributions be made known to the community. We oppose the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

BASKETBALL SQUAD

Manager: Bill Richman	Vincent Caprarro
Sidney Hertzberg	Sam Deitchman
William Holzman	Aaron Miller
Claude Phillips	Alfred A. Winograd
Harry Fishman	Albert Goldstein
Julian Gerson	Sidney Peck
Harold Judenfriend	Captain Angelo Monitto
Joe K. Carpien	

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

STUDENTS BANISHED FOR PROTESTING BAN AGAINST THREE NEGRO TRACK STARS

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discrimination

NEW YORK, Mar. 13—Seven students, including four girls, one of them the vice-president of the senior class, were suspended last week by authorities of New York university for circulating petitions which demanded the inclusion of three Negro athletes in a track meet with Catholic University of Washington, D. C., March 10.

The same group of students led a protest movement last fall against the banning of Leonard Bates, a football player, when New York University played the University of Missouri, and likewise when Jim Coward was banned from a basketball game with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The petition which resulted in the dismissals, demanded the withdrawal of the entire Violet team as an alternative to sending the colored athletes to the Capital.

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THREE ARE BARRED

The athletes involved in this instance are: David Lawyer, George Hagans and Fabian Francis. Lawyer is co-captain of the track team, and an ace sprinter as well. Chancellor Chase, of New York University, who has stated in several interviews that "the time is not yet ripe when Southern schools can be asked to play against Negroes," directed that an all-white team be selected to make the trip.

The suspended students are: Guy Stoute, Naomy Bloom, Anita Krieger, Robert Schoenfeld, Mervin Jones, Evelyn Neisel and Jeanne Bernstein. Miss Krieger is vice-president of the senior class, and Miss Neisel is senior representative of the Student Council.

Students of the University of North Carolina have given their moral support to the fight of the New York students in the following telegram received last week.

"Carolina students expressed willingness for Coward (Jim Coward, basketball player) to play here, but N. U. officials said ban due to technicalities, not to jim-crow policy. Discrimination against trackmen indicates conscious discrimination policy of N.Y.U. As Southern students, we vigorously oppose this policy and heartily support your democratic fight. . . . (Signed) Carolina Good Sportsmanship Committee."

Harold Bogrow, white, who is co-captain with Lawyer, of the track team, issued the following statement: "I am shocked to learn that N.Y.U. has again capitulated to a policy of jim-crowism, this time by barring Negro members of our track team from competing in a track meet at Washington, D. C.

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"I feel that the athletic board and authorities of New York University and all other athletic organizations involved should insist that Catholic University, Washington A. A., and other track promoters, abolish their jim-crow ban and give the Negro athletes their right under this democracy to compete in these meets."

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

NYU Suspends 7 For Tirades On 'Jim-Crow'

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NEW YORK. (ANP)—The unwillingness of N. Y. U. to take along its Negro captain to the Catholic University Invitational track meet in Washington, D. C., Monday has resulted in the suspension of seven students for circulating protesting petitions on the campus.

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George Hagans, usually a member of the school's relay team, is the student who has been barred. This makes the third instance this season in which N. Y. U. has demonstrated discrimination. Earlier it was their refusal to take Lem Bates, half back on the football team, to Missouri for a game with Missouri State. Later the policy was invoked against Jim Coward when the basketball team was to meet a western aggregation.

Not only were petitions circulated on the campus last week but also at the Knights of Columbus track meet in the Madison Square Garden Saturday night. In suspending the seven, Dean Charles Maxwell McConn said they had violated the rule of conducting themselves as "ladies and gentlemen". Among those suspended is Argyle Stout, president of the Council for Student Equality.

Oddly enough though, it is reported that the army is planning to establish a ground training school for Negro officers who serve in national defense at this same NYU.

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Wisconsin, Harvard Rap NYU Jim Crow

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Midwest Students, Faculty Petition Badger—'Crimson' Runs Article—Delegates from 63 Colleges Pledge Support to Suspended 7

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Students on a nationwide scale are protesting the suspension by NYU authorities of seven students who petitioned against NYU's Jim Crow athletic policy.

At the University of Wisconsin—Philip A. Badger, chairman of the NYU Board of Athletic Control, invited to Wisconsin to present basketball trophies, was declared "unwelcome as a representative of intercollegiate athletics" by a represenative group of faculty and students. The statement urged NYU to reinstate the suspended students and to halt its policy of Negro discrimination.

The statement was signed by:

Prof. Wm. G. Rice, Frederick ULLA, Horace S. Fries, Theodore H. Burckhardt, Josef Shiftar—ULLA, Horace S. Fries, Theodore Coggs — ULLA, Tremetria Birth —National Negro Congress, Prof. Walter Agard, Allan Beaumont, Prof. N. A. Cameron, Harley Griffiths — YMCA, George Kleiner, Prof. W. T. Bandy, Vernon Israelson, Don Thayer, C. F. Johnson, Prof. W. J. Brogden, Prof. Selig Perlman.

Professor Badger was followed by personal pickets in his wanderings on the University of Wisconsin campus. APR 4 - 1941

At Harvard University — The Harvard Crimson announces that the Harvard La Crosse team in a game with the University of Baltimore scheduled for April 4th will play a Negro player, and contrasts this policy with NYU's Jim Crow athletic policy.

At Harvard—the National Conference for Democracy in Education — 431 delegates and visitors representing 63 colleges including 6 southern colleges — meeting on March 29-30 unanimously resolved

1—That this Conference urge the NYU Administration to grant immediate and unconditional reinstatement of the suspended students.

2—That this Conference urge NYU to end its policy of discrimination against Negro athletes, and APR 4 - 1941

3—That this Conference urge the delegates here assembled to make known the facts in the situation to all the students in their schools, and extend aid and support to the NYU student body by securing the sending of statements similar to this to NYU officials from campus organizations and individuals."

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

HARVARD GROUPS FLAY NAVY BAN ON NEGRO ATHLETE

APR 1 2 1941

Leading Campus Groups Resent Undemocratic Attitude of Academy

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The Harvard campus is in an uproar this week following disclosure that a Negro undergraduate was barred from participation in a Harvard-Navy lacrosse game, which Navy won, 12 to 0, at Annapolis last Saturday.

Various campus organizations, such as the Crimson, undergraduate publication; the student council, the glee club and the law school forum are demanding a clear exposition of policy from the school. APR 1 2 1941

"By yielding to the Navel Academy's demands, Harvard has taken an indefensible position in the eyes of a democratic nation," ran a statement drawn up by the student organizations.

Rear Admiral Russell Willson, superintendent of the Naval Academy, in trying to "explain" the situation made the following statement this week:

"When the Harvard lacrosse team arrived at the Naval Academy, the authorities were surprised to find that one member of the team was a Negro.

"When the coach (Harvard Coach Richard Snibbe, former St. John's College of Annapolis lacrosse player) stated that the Negro would play in the game, I telephoned the director of athletics at Harvard and told him that while the Naval Academy would play any team that Harvard put on the field, I felt that Harvard should have informed us in advance of this situation.

"Mr. Bingham (Harvard's athletic director) expressed his regrets and said he would handle the matter by telegram. The next morning I was informed that the Negro player had left Annapolis the night before."

As a contradictory bit of double talk. Willson concluded: "The Naval Academy always has and always will play any team on its playing schedule at the appointed time and place whatever the composition of that team."

Harvard's Coach Bingham said Naval Academy officials requested the game be played without Lucien V. Alexis, Jr., of New Orleans, although the colored lad had played against Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland on the same southern trip. He said Annapolis officials offered to forfeit the game, but he decided to play it without Alexis. APR 1 2 1941

The students' statement said:

"We believe that Mr. Bingham will make it clear that, in the future, Harvard will not tolerate atletic relations with institutions which discriminate on the basis of race or creed."

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

N. Y. STUDENTS APPLAUD DAVIS' CONDEMNATION

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Mixed Gathering At New York U. Cheer Blast At Administration

NEW YORK.—Expressing their sharp disagreement with Mrs. Roosevelt's stand on government discrimination against the Negro, 1,200 Negro and white students of New York university gave thunderous applause to John P. Davis here Thursday, when he told them, in the presence of the First Lady, who sat with him on the platform of Judson Memorial church in Washington Square, that it is not the South but the Roosevelt Administration itself that is responsible for the establishment of Jim Crow as a national government policy. Davis is executive secretary of the National Negro Congress.

In an atmosphere charged with the high tension of the students who for months have been carrying on a vigorous campaign to break through the university's continued discrimination against its own Negro star athletes, Mrs. Roosevelt told the packed gathering that although she agreed that New York university should not send its teams to play with schools who refused to compete against Negro athletes, nevertheless she felt that the whole process of breaking down discrimination against the Negro people in America, must be gradual.

She pointed to her recent experience at Tuskegee institute's segregated air training school in Alabama, where she said she flew with a young Negro aviator and never felt safer in her life. The South, she said, was learning to face this problem and make an effort to solve it. APR 1 2 1941

When Davis followed her all the pent-up feeling of the students was unleashed as he lashed out at the administration for its failure to take a single step to stop the Jim Crow in defense industry and throughout the government service.

"It was not the South, but the Roosevelt Administration itself," he said, "that is responsible for establishing Jim Crowism as a national policy of the Government."

But the highpoint of the meeting was reached during the question period, when Mrs. Roosevelt, in answer to a direct question as to whether the President, in his capacity as head of the Army and Navy should issue an Executive order abolishing all discrimination, told the students that she believed the President should not take such a step because it might cause trouble.

Turning to Davis, who was seated near her on the platform, the First Lady asked him whether he didn't agree with this view. The atmosphere became tense. In a quiet but positive voice, Davis traced the ramifications of job discrimination against the Negro through steel, aircraft, coal, the federal agencies the Army and Navy to the door of the White House.

Not only could Roosevelt abolish Jim Crow, he said, but Roosevelt must do it, if democracy is to be preserved during this critical period.

The First Lady and the national secretary of the National Negro Congress were the principal speakers at a student mass meeting called by the Council for Student Equality at New York university to protest the suspension of seven leaders of campus organizations, including Guy Stoute, who are leading the fight to break down the university's policy of discriminating against its Negro athletes. APR 1 2 1941

The most recent case involved N.Y.U.'s refusal to allow its Negro track stars: George Hagans, captain of the team; David Lawyer, and Fabian Francis to participate in the Catholic university track meet held in Washington, D. C., March 10.

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KEEP PUNCHING AGAINST BASEBALL'S JIM CROW!

The season opens today with Negro players still barred.

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Last year the pressure of protest pouring in to Landis and the magnates put a dent in the Jim Crow wall. Newspapers and magazines that had ignored the existence of Negro players of major league ability began to put the facts in print, and more millions of fans became aware of the blight on our National Pastime. Big league players and many managers have made it known that they think the Negro stars belong in there. The voice of the fans, they who support the game, can go a long way this year in putting an end to discrimination on the diamond once and for all.

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Let the magnates and Judge Landis know how the American people feel about this outrageous denial of simple democracy at a time when the people are being asked to sacrifice for "democracy"!

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Harvard Students Protest To Faculty, U. S. Congress

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Faculty Hears Formal Protest From Top Students, Graduates

(Editorial on Page 8)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Harvard students, indignant about the undemocratic treatment allotted to fellow student Lucien V. Alexis, Jr., at the U. S. Naval Academy a few days ago, are prepared to appeal directly to President Roosevelt if necessary.

On April 9 an undergraduate committee presented a petition to athletic director William J. Bingham, asking clarification of Harvard's policy in the matter.

The committee which waited on Mr. Bingham included John C. Robbins, president of the Harvard Crimson, which first raised the issue; David Bennett, '42, president of the Harvard Union, G. Robert Strange, '41, of the National Council of Democracy and Education, and Paul Davis, Negro law school student.

Following the presentation of the petition, committee spokesman Robbins declared: "We are going as high as necessary in this case. We've already prepared a protest to Congress, and intend to send another to Naval authorities. If necessary, we will present the facts to President Roosevelt who is, after all, commander-in-chief of the Navy."

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Mr. Bingham, refusing any comment of a personal nature, advised that the case would be presented to the committee on the regulation of athletic sports which meets Monday night.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Representing the faculty on the committee on the regulation of athletic sports, are Dean A. Chester Hanford, Prof. William L. Langer and Dr. Arlie V. Bock.

Graduate members are William Edmunds, Boston; Charles C. Buell, Milton, and George V. ...ley, while the undergraduates are represented by Sherman Gray, crew captain representing major sports; David O. Ives, soccer captain representing minor sports and Lincoln Clark, representing house sports.

ADMIRAL WILSON LASHED

Boston newspapers have been particularly aroused by the shifty actions of Rear Admiral Russell Wilson, superintendent of the Naval Academy.

He has issued a formal statement which insists that the Academy has, and always will play any team fielded by a scheduled opponent. He also states that student Alexis was treated with due courtesy and that his sudden departure on the eve of the game was essentially the responsibility and desire of Harvard authorities.

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ADMITS LONG-DISTANCE CALL

The Admiral admits that he contacted Harvard's William J. Bingham, athletic director, and insisted that the Academy should have been forewarned of the Negro's presence on the team.

Mr. Bingham insists that he ordered Mr. Alexis to return home "because he wanted to comply with Academy's requests." Harvard team members recalled how the entire team, on first arrival at the Academy, was ushered to the main dining room. Then, after noting the presence of Mr. Alexis, was shunted to a small dining site for the next meal.

The Harvard team had just engaged the University of Maryland College Park, the day before without incident even though the colored boy played. The wrangle came when he entered the campus of the Governmental shrine where future Admirals are moulded.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

'... Can Be Wiped Out ...'

Miss Savitzky's full statement follows:

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"The unsportsmanlike policy followed by many Northern universities, such as NYU, in benching Negro athletes for games with Southern schools can definitely be wiped out. We now have convincing proof of this in the decision of the Harvard Corporation to inform "other institutions with whom we are competing that it is Harvard's principle that there should be no racial discrimination among our students." Our congratulations go to the Harvard Council for Democracy in Education which led widespread student demand for clarification of university policy after Lucien V. Alexis, Jr., Negro varsity lacrosse player, was barred from competing with the Crimson team in its recent game with the Naval Academy.

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"Now that Harvard's policy is clarified in such a clear fashion that it would take a Houdini ever to practice Negro discrimination again, national attention should focus on New York University which stands as the ill-reputed leader in discriminatory bans. Not only has NYU benched Negro athletes in football, basketball and track—all major sports—within the current academic year, but it has even suspended, without open hearing, seven undergraduates who were leading student efforts to secure from the university authorities precisely the type of guarantee against future repetition of Jim Crowism which the Harvard students sought and won.

"The victory at Harvard, which is a vindication of our belief that democracy in education can be kept inviolate wherever the students of the institution concerned and students in all colleges are as alert and united in expression of their views as the Harvard undergraduates, will give great impetus to students everywhere to cause abandonment of university practices which are alien to the spirit of American sportsmanship in athletics and in all forms of campus life.

"Coming just a day before the nationwide student actions for democracy in education and peace, the news from Harvard will spur forward both the determination and the unity of students throughout the land to prevent the schools from buckling under to the anti-democratic pressure of the war hysteria."

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Navy Jim Crow Rebuked by Harvard

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Uncle Sam's jim crow navy not only bars colored citizens from every post except that of cook or waiter, but it has a rule forbidding competition against colored athletes in sports.

This regulation became known when Lucien Alexis, Jr., failed to play with the Harvard lacrosse team when it lost to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, 12 to 0, last week.

From this situation developed two silly explanations.

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Academy Superintendent, Rear Admiral Russell (Rusty) Willson's first alibi was:

"If Alexis were hurt while playing here, the question will arise whether he was hurt accidentally or otherwise."

Admiral Rusty's alibi No. 1 was: "If he's hurt, the question will arise whether he was hurt accidentally or otherwise."

Rules of the game protect players from unnecessary roughness, and expert players know how to protect themselves. Admiral Willson's excuse here is incitement and encouragement of midshipmen to be snobs and muckers rather than good sports.

Despite what he says, we think a poll of the middies would show that they had no objection to playing against Harvard's team with the colored player.

Admiral Rusty's alibi No. 2 was: "Our old friends at Harvard placed us in a difficult position. Friends do not place one in a difficult position."

Admiral Willson placed himself in a difficult position by refusing to play the Harvard lacrosse team so long as the colored player was on it. He denies this, but Harvard coaches say differently, and from what little we know of Admiral Rusty, we have concluded that we can't take his word on anything.

Navy isn't any friend of Harvard, otherwise it wouldn't insult its guests, the Harvard team, by objecting to the color of one of its members.

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On the back of this, Admiral Rusty, much excited, issued a squeaky and sneering statement that "Navy has and will always play any team on its schedule at the appointed time and place whatever the composition."

In the light of its rule not to compete against colored athletes, AFRO readers may get some sense out of Admiral Rusty's declarations. We can't.

The reaction of Harvard students in Cambridge to this whole business is, however, significant. They did two things:

1. In an editorial in the students' daily, they accused Harvard of kow-towing to intolerance and jim crow, and called upon the college and the navy to practice democratic equality;

2. The lacrosse team signed a statement requesting the university to guarantee that an incident such as this will not occur again, and that the university will not discriminate against an athlete because of race.

Intolerance cannot exist where decent people denounce it. Admiral Rusty's face is red today. He's been told that some people do not regard him as a gentleman.

If enough of us think that way, we will use our political influence to change conditions in the navy and drive "two by fours" like Admiral Rusty out of high positions.

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Baltimore. Maryland

Ask Harvard to Cut Ties with Navy

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BULLETIN!

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Senator David Walsh of Massachusetts, chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, has promised an investigation of the U.S. Naval Academy's jim-crow policy, he revealed on a visit here Monday.

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(Special to the AFRO)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. —Charging "discrimination" against Harvard University colored athlete by the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, a newly organized Harvard Council for Democracy in Education, Friday, Roosevelt, asking, "what actions are you taking to remedy this situation?"

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The council's telegram to the White House followed issuance of a notarized statement by Coach Richard Snibbe and the manager of the Harvard lacrosse team that Rear Admiral Russell Willson, superintendent of the Naval Academy, had told them Harvard could not play its colored member, Lucien Alexis, Jr., in the game against Navy on last Saturday.

Pressure has been brought to bear to have Harvard sever athletic relations with the Naval Academy because of the latter institution's deliberate jim-crow policy.

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Alexis, as a varsity member of the team, had played at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland on the same trip, but was sent home 24 hours ahead of the Harvard team after difficulties arose at Annapolis.

Should Be Shocked

The Harvard student group declared in its wire to the President, who is a Harvard graduate, that "we feel you will be shocked at this violation of American fair play and democracy."

The Council also announced it had forwarded telegrams to Secretary of the Navy Knox and Senator Walsh (Dem., Mass.), chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, asking them to "investigate the action by the Annapolis authorities."

Council representatives also were circulating petitions at Harvard demanding "that the committee for regulation of athletics make a clear statement of democracy in athletics."

The committee which waited on Bingham included Paul D. Davis, law school student; who was spokesman for the committee; John C. Robbins, president of the Crimson; David Bennett, president of the Harvard Student Union; Robert Strange, of the National Council of Democracy and Education.

Bingham flatly placed the onus for Alexis's failure to play in the game at Annapolis, on Navy Academy athletic officials.

"We were guests at the Naval Academy and when they insisted that Alexis should not play we had no alternative but to withdraw him," Bingham said. "Had the game been played in

case would be presented to the committee on the regulation of athletic sports. It is composed of three faculty members; three undergraduate members and three graduate members.

Following a meeting of the group on Monday Mr. Bingham declined to comment. President Conant returns from Europe this week and will likely hear of the incident at a meeting of the corporation.

In the meanwhile a review of the entire situation was presented in a notarized statement prepared by the coach and manager which refuted the earlier press release of Admiral Willson in which he placed the entire blame on Harvard.

After every organization and publication in the university had leveled attack on the week-kneed stand taken by Harvard, a much more powerful attack was begun on the Naval Academy with the assistance of many national organizations.

The Harvard Teachers' Union, composed of over 100 faculty members, condemned Navy in a statement signed by the president, Prof. F. O. Matthiessen, famed literary critic, declaring, "the union strongly urges the university authorities to give public assurance that no such incident shall be allowed to happen again."

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Refuses Comment

Admiral Willson said at Annapolis Saturday that he had "no further comment" to make on the charge by the coach and manager of the Crimson lacrosse team that he had told them that Harvard could not play a colored player against the Academy team.

Old Friend Embarrassed

Admiral Willson of the Naval Academy, is reported to have told Director Bingham in a telephone conversation:

"Our old friends at Harvard placed us in a difficult position. Friends do not place one in a difficult position."

Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the NAACP, in a wire to John Robbins of the Harvard Crimson, said:

"The Naval Academy action is in line with Navy policy which restricts colored enlistments to mess attendants only, and illustrates perfectly the hypocrisy of the war-cry against totalitarian cruelties while the same doctrines are being practiced here in America.

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"Of course, Harvard should have refused to play."

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Jim Crowism at N.Y.U.

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In our various discussions of the evil of American race-prejudice, we have consistently contended that legislation will go a long way toward abolishing it, but that the mind-set of the people themselves must be changed before much can be accomplished. We regard our educational institution, as the starting point for the development of this new philosophy.

But when institutions like New York University go so far as to suspend seven of its students for protesting against the school's jim crow practices, the prospects of a brighter day seem dark indeed.

In a pamphlet issued recently by the N. Y. U. Alumni Committee for the defense of academic freedom, it is charged that "There is Jim Crow Rule at New York University.

Dean C. M. McConn is quoted as having admitted that N. Y. U. does not send Negro athletes to participate in Southern contests. To this we say if the Southern schools object to playing against Negroes, the games ought to be cancelled, in fact they should not be arranged. APR 19 1941

It is our opinion that before any athletic schedule is consummated, it ought to be made clear that New York University will play its regular team regardless of the race of nationality of its members. If a Negro is good enough to play against Brown he is good enough to play against Tulane.

This business of toying with a situation that someday must be brought to a head is a lot of foolishness. Either we are going to have Democracy in America or we are not. And we certainly are not going to get very far in that direction as long as 12,000,000 loyal citizens are continuously discriminated against simply because a part of our citizenry insist on adhering to a pre-civil war system.

While President Roosevelt is trying to prevent the split between the Croats and the Serbs in far away Europe, our leading educational institutions and national leaders are fostering a split in this country between Negroes and whites—as Negroes cannot but feel keenly the insults heaped upon them by their fellow citizens. And feeling the insults they cannot help but resent them.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Et Tu Harvard

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Last week Harvard University, oldest and most revered of American Institutions of higher learning capitulated to the prejudicial whim of the United States Naval Academy and withdrew one of its first string lacrosse players from a game scheduled to be played at Annapolis. The player, Lucien V. Alexis, of New Orleans, is a Negro.

The incident must be terribly embarrassing to President Roosevelt, whose efforts in the past few years have been directed to and dedicated to establishment of a real Democratic way of life throughout the world, and whose preachments in recent months have been aimed at the establishment of the Four Freedoms for mankind everywhere. APR 19 1941

Not only is it true that the action in barring Alexis from the game runs counter to the expressed policy and program of the nation's chief ejecutive, but it goes much closer to him in view of the fact he is an alumnus of Harvard and is commander-in-chief of the army and navy, and therefore titular head of the Naval Academy. He could protest on three fronts .. ..as a Harvard son, as head of the Naval Academy and as an exponent of true Democracy.

In a recent speech the President said the time has come for us to show courage and more courage; action and more action. We agree with him, and believe some of the courage and action to be taken should be demonstrated right here at home. Our country is moving closer each day to a national crisis. Such incidents as the one last week at Annapolis certainly do not help in the movement to bring about a united people. Negroes cannot help but look with suspicion on a government that cries aloud for Democracy and freedom for people thousands of miles away, while they, loyal Americans all, are Jim Crowed, discriminated against and denied equal rights and opportunities granted other citizens, and many who are not citizens.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

N. J. SOLON RAPS JIM-CROW POLICY

MAY 3 1941

Ex-Harvard Athlete Seeks Explanation Why Colored Player Was Barred from Lacrosse Game At Academy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1—A protest against and request for a full explanation of the action of the Naval Academy in barring a colored lacrosse player—Lucien A. Alexis, Jr.—from the Harvard team in a recent game at Annapolis was sent to Admiral Russell Wilson, superintendent of the Academy, by Representative Robert W. Kean, Republican, of New Jersey, former Harvard athlete.

"I cannot understand such an un-American attitude by the authorities of the Academy," Mr. Kean wrote.

CITES OWN HARVARD RECORD MAY 3 - 1941

"At a time when we are conscripting into the armed forces of the United States all boys of military age, without regard to creed or color; when many Negro young men are volunteering their services, to die if necessary, in defense of their country; when the Negro people are called upon to do their part in meeting the tax burden, including the maintenance and support of the Naval Academy," he said, "the action of the midshipmen and authorities of the Naval Academy in raising the question of color comes with ill grace and is subject to the severest criticism.

"When I was attending Harvard there were a number of outstanding Negro athletes there, and I had the privilege of playing on a team with a Negro boy. At no time was there any friction among teammates or the student body, and I can conceive of no justification for the action displayed by the Naval Academy in this instance. MAY 3 - 1941

"I most strongly protest against and respectfully request a full [explanation]."

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Harvard Athletes Get Sample of Maryland Prejudice

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Lucien Alexis, Jr., left, member of Harvard University's lacrosse team, who was barred from playing with the Cambridge aggregation by Navy Academy officials on Saturday, but allowed to play at Maryland University's College Park two days before. Alexis's companion is Thomas Watkins, Harvard senior and member of the track team, who made the Southern trip with Alexis. Watkins hails from Charlotte, N.C.; Alexis, New Orleans.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Lacrosse Star Sent Back Home

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BALTIMORE

The University of Maryland and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., both widely popularized for their prejudice toward colored athletes, differed last week, on the status of Lucien Alexis, Jr., varsity member of Harvard University's lacrosse team, which played at both institutions.

At the University of Maryland's hitherto "sacred" College Park on Thursday, Alexis was permitted to play with his team, but on Saturday he was barred from participation in the game at the Naval Academy and sent back to Cambridge twenty-four hours ahead of the squad.

Alexis's participation in the game at College Park marked the first time Maryland has failed to refuse a colored athlete such a chance in the history of the school.

Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, star Syracuse football player, was forced to sit on the bench when the Orange team played here three years ago, and only a month ago, the University of Maryland denied Ed Smith, former Wisconsin University hurdler and Big Ten champion, an opportunity to participate in the school's indoor meet held in Baltimore.

Stayed in D.C.

However, Maryland did not go the whole hog, as Alexis was not permitted to room with his team on the school campus. The 19-year-old Harvard junior, who plays midfield for the lacrosse team, was the guest of friends in Washington, D.C., during his stay in the vicinity.

Alexis stayed in Washington, Thursday night, after the Maryland game and left for Annapolis Friday to practice with the Harvard outfit prior to the game at the Academy on Saturday, but upon reaching Annapolis learned that the Naval Academy objected to his playing and was sent home by Harvard school officials traveling with the team.

Visited Friends

In Washington, Alexis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mowery, relatives of Thomas Watkins, also a Harvard student and member of the track team, who was visiting his aunt and uncle at 2025 Claggett Street, Northeast.

Watkins, who is a senior specializing in chemistry, had been in Washington for a week before Alexis arrived. Watkins, 20, is a native of Charlotte, N.C.

Alexis, native of New Orleans, La., is a junior and majors in biology. He holds the distinction of being the first colored student to live in the school dormitory and is playing his third year on the lacrosse team.

He is a graduate of Phillip Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Students, Teachers Blast Ban Against LaCrosse Player

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By PAUL DANIEL DAVIS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 17.—All the past week the Harvard campus has been in an uproar following the disclosure that a Negro undergraduate was barred from participation in a Harvard-Navy lacrosse game at Annapolis on April 5. The central figure in the controversy is Lucian Victor Alexis, Jr., Harvard College Junior of New Orleans, Louisiana, of Adams House, a graduate of Exeter Prep School, Exeter, New Hampshire, and a midfield player on the lacrosse team. His father is a Harvard man class of 1918 and principal of a New Orleans high school.

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In the first game, against the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Alexis played without causing so much as a murmur. In the second game, against the University of Maryland, the student was at first not allowed to play. Administration officials hemmed and hawed and thought up every possible excuse, but Alexis finally competed.

Upon the team's arrival at the Naval Academy they ate in the dining room, but as soon as it was discovered that Alexis was on the team the coach, Richard Snibbe, former St. John's College of Annapolis All-American lacrosse player and the manager, Robert B. Seidman, a senior, were called in by Commander Davis, director of athletics, and were told that it would be impossible to play Alexis against the Navy. One reason being fear of race riots in the town—an assertion dropped when informed of Alexis playing at College Park. The same was reiterated by Commander Perry, the graduate manager of athletics. Finally they were taken to see Admiral Wilson, the superintendent of the Naval Academy.

By this time the manager and coach had become accustomed to this type of red tape, because they had to eventually see the President of the University of Maryland before Alexis was allowed to play there. And then the President left it to the discretion of the coach, who in turn left it with the men on his Maryland squad as to whether they would play Harvard with a Negro on the team—they did with none of the men objecting. The Admiral gave the coach and manager three choices: (1) to bench Alexis for the game, and Navy would bench a player of similar ability. (2) to take the game from Navy on forfeit. (3) to **permit the Admiral to phone the authorities of Harvard and settle the issue. The last of the three chosen and then ensued a series of agitated telephone calls and telegrams and finally the Harvard di**rector of athletics, William J. Bingham was reached at Brattleboro, Vermont. Bingham was surprised to hear from the Admiral who began a long curt harangue of the fact that the Academy had never participated against a team with a Negro on it for 96 years and did not intend to do so now; that Harvard should have informed him of such; that he was not prejudiced because he was a northerner, New York, but it was just Navy policy and must be followed.

Bingham stood his ground and continued to state to the Admiral that Navy was the host and that Harvard was the guest and expected decent treatment, since Alexis was a member of the team he had to be allowed to play. However, later in the evening a wire came from Bingham to the coach saying that Alexis was not to dress or play against the Academy. What took place between the time of the Admiral's conversation with Bingham and the wire telling Alexis not to play no one seems to know, however, Alexis took the evening train, 24 hours ahead of the team, and returned to Boston.

THE CRIMSON BEGINS THE CRUSADE

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As soon as Harvard reopened from the spring vacation on Tuesday, the Crimson took to task the Harvard officials who asked Alexis to return and accused them of "kowtowing to the intolerable jim crowism of Navy bigwigs" and accused the Navy of practicing undemocratic principles. "It was not the students at Annapolis who wanted Alexis to go, for they told the Harvard players just the contrary."

HARVARD STUDENTS PROTEST NAVY BAN

Following the disclosure by the Crimson, students were incensed by the Annapolis incident and prominent student leaders met and drew up a petition which was circulated asking the director of athletics, Bingham, for a clarification of Harvard's policy in the matter and for a guarantee that such action will not take place again in the future. The petition was as follows: "We believe that almost unanimously the undergraduate body **is of the opinion** that racial consideration should not be allowed to determine the fit or unfitness of a student to compete on an athletic **team.** In view of this belief, we, the students of Harvard University, wish to disapprove heartily of the course of action taken by the college authorities, when under pressure from the United States Naval Academy, they agreed to bar a student because of racial consideration from participating in an athletic contest.

"By yielding to the Naval Academy's demands, Harvard has taken an indefensible position in the eyes of a democratic nation. In the belief that the University's action was the result of an overhasty decision rather than a sanction of jim crowism we request from the Harvard authorities a clarification of the University's athletic policy with regard to colored athletes. We believe that Mr. Bingham will make it clear that in the future Harvard will not tolerate athletic relationships with institutions which discriminate on the basis of race or creed, and that such discrimination has never had, and never will have, any place in Harvard."

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Among those who drew up and signed the petition were John C. Robbins, Jr., of Cleveland, president of the Crimson; Bruce Barton, Jr., of New York City; Paul D. Davis, of Columbia, Georgia, Negro Law School student; President Franklin D. Roosevelt's godson, Langdon P. Marvin, Jr., of New York City, President of the Student Council.

The same evening the petition was circulated throughout the houses of the college and over half of the freshman class spontaneously signed a petition in fifteen minutes. On Wednesday morning a committee composed of the various groups and student leaders on the campus presented the petition to Bingham. The committee which waited on Bingham included Paul D. Davis, Negro Law School student, who was spokesman for the committee; John C. Robbins, president of the Crimson; David Bennett, president of the Harvard Student Union; Robert Stange, of the National Council of Democracy and Education.

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Rap Annapolis Ban on Harvard Negro Athlete

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National Organizations Support Fight Against Exclusion of Negro Star in Harvard Game with Annapolis

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 13.—The Harvard Council of Democracy today made public a group of telegrams supporting its protest against the Jim-Crow policies of the United States Naval Academy which barred Lucian Alexis, Jr., Negro star on the Harvard lacrosse team, from playing against the Navy team last Saturday.

Harvard University authorities, who acquiesced in the discrimination, were also condemned.

"We recognize the discrimination as part of the Jim Crow policy of the United States Navy," wired the Southern Negro Congress. **"This act exposes its fascist influence. We support your fight wholeheartedly."**

The American Student Union wired in part:

"War invades the campus in many forms, one of the most vicious of which is increased Jim Crow. A successful Harvard fight against discrimination will help guarantee true democracy throughout our country."

President William Green of the American Feleration of Labor wired the Council that **"in my opinion there is no justification for the discrimination practised by the United State Naval Academy as referred to in your telegram."**

The Harvard Crimson, undergraduate paper, published the following wire from Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People:

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"The Naval Academy action is of a piece with Navy policy, which restricts Negro enlistments to mess attendants only, and illustrates perfectly the hypocrisy of the war-cry against totalitarian cruelties, while practising the same doctrines here in America."

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Anti-Jim Crow Campaign Sweeps Harvard Campus

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Coach, Manager of Lacrosse Team Nail Annapolis Buck-Passing — Students, School Paper, Teachers Hit Kowtowing to Discrimination

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 10—A tremendous anti-Jim Crow campaign swept the Harvard campus today as the aftermath of the discrimination against a Negro member of the lacrosse team in a game with the Naval Academy at Annapolis last Saturday.

Blasting the buck passing of the Academy's Admiral Willson, who denied the discrimination and blamed it on Harvard, the coach and the manager of the Harvard lacrosse team today signed notarized statements attesting to the fact that Annapolis had requested the benching of the Negro player.

At the same time fifteen student leaders of campus organizations joined in a vigorous protest to Bill Bingham, Harvard athletic director, for **"kowtowing to the Jim-Crow practices of the Naval Academy."**

The Harvard Council for Democracy in Education, representing the national conference held here last week-end, circulated a petition around the entire university demanding a clear statement from Bingham apologizing for giving in to the Navy's Jim-Crow and a statement that it would not happen again. APR 11 1941

BINGHAM APES NYU HEADS

A delegation of student leaders went to see Bingham who, taking a leaf from the action of NYU's Philip Badger in that school's recent parallel case, refused to give them any satisfactory answer. He stated that any decision on athletic policy was up to the Faculty Committee on Athletics which meets next Monday.

The Council immediately decided to circulate petitions throughout the university demanding that this Committee:

1. **State a policy of full democratic equality in Harvard athletics.**

2. **Refuse in the future to have anything to do with institutions which have Jim-Crow policies.**

The petition was already meeting with tremendous and enthusiastic response from the students.

The Harvard Committee for Democratic Action, composed of faculty members, passed a resolution condemning the University's Jim-Crow action. The Teachers Union did likewise.

WIRE TO PRESIDENT

Telegrams were dispatched to the President asking his condemnation of the Annapolis action, to Secretary of the Navy Knox and Senator Walsh, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. Telegrams asking support were sent to the American Youth Congress, the American Student Union, the National Congress for Democracy in Education, the National Negro Congress, the NAACP the AFL and CIO. APR 11 1941

Subcommittees were set up to carry on an investigation of the entire problem of discriminaiton and make a report to the university. Chairmen of this committee are Herbert Reid, Negro Law student representing the Law Forum, and Spencer Klaw of the college, former president of the Harvard Crimson, undergraduate publication.

"CRIMSON" BLASTS BOTH

The Crimson commented editorially this morning, saying:

". . . three things appear definite. First it is self evident that the Naval Academy was primarily at fault for its discrimination against colored athletes a symptom of its prejudiced attitude toward the Negro race in all matters. Second Athletic Director Bill Bingham was guilty of hasty judgment in acceding to Admiral Wilson's demands. Third and most important, there must be some measure taken so that a similar incident can not happen at Harvard again. . . ."

The Harvard Council for Democracy in Education appealed today for all national organizations interested in democracy to support its fight against Jim Crow at Harvard and in the Naval Academy. It requested statements to be forwarded to them and to Athletic Director Bill Bingham It said it had the support of the student body and was going to fight the matter to a finish.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Harvard Attacks Race Prejudice; Says Its Teams Open to All

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—In no uncertain terms, Harvard University went definitely on record, Monday, as opposing racial discrimination when the Harvard Corporation ordered Harvard's director of athletics, William J. Bingham, to advise all future athletic opponents of that fact.

Mr. Bingham had asked the corporation for a statement of policy after the barring of a colored lacrosse player, Lucien V. Alexis, Jr., of New Orleans, from the Harvard team in a recent game with the U.S. Naval Academy brought much protest from numerous quarters. APR 26 1941

In a letter to Mr. Bingham, the corporation expressed the opinion that "in the future the Athletic Committee should make it plain to other institutions with whom we are competing that it is Harvard's principle that there should be no racial discrimination among our students." APR 26 1941

After the game with the Naval Academy, which Harvard lost, it was disclosed that Harvard first had the alternative of benching Alexis or accepting a forfeit from Navy.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MAY 10 1941

There is yet in this country a corner where the light of democracy is shining with an inspiring glow. When Harvard university stemmed the growing tide of discrimination against the participation of Negro athletes in intercollegiate sports, it upheld three centuries of unbroken tradition, and at the same time gave a much-needed hypodermic to the anemic institutions that are fast succumbing to the virus of race prejudice.

Harvard, "Fair Harvard," last week made it clear to all that her tradition does not permit her to promote or to sanction racial discrimination against her students. This decision was made public following an objection raised by the United States Naval Academy against the lone Negro member of the Harvard lacrosse team. Through lack of familiarity with the attitude of his own school, the Harvard university director of athletics bowed to the demand of the naval academy. Thereupon the Harvard corporation quickly made known its stand.

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The action of the naval academy evoked no surprise, for we are all too familiar with the narrow, stupid policy of this stronghold of race prejudice. A policy that is so overtly undemocratic as to be indistinguishable from a Fascist set-up from which emerged this pattern of anti-racialism. Had Harvard allowed the incident to remain without a declaration of her own age-old principle, we should have given up all hope for the propagation of high democratic ideals. But Harvard had a tradition to uphold —a tradition which has withstood the test of 300 successive years.

It would be a regrettable reversal of position were Harvard to follow the discriminatory practices of New York university and the Catholic university in Washington. While the latter schools are busy enforcing their anti-racial rules, some important institutions of the South, notably the Texas Christian, and the University of North Carolina, have dropped the color bar, at least to the extent of allowing their teams to compete with teams that have Negro athletes. Does this mean that the proverbially reactionary South is becoming more liberal than the proverbially liberal North?

Bystander
Des Moines, Iowa

Harvard Faces the Facts

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In recent controversies growing out of the United States Supreme Court decision which held that states must provide Negroes with equal educational facilities, it has been the board of trustees and faculties and not the students who have rebelled against the principle. In fact, in some instances, students have indicated by affirmative vote that they would be willing to attend class with Negro students.

Recently, the athletic department of Harvard University has been called upon to face the issue as to whether it would permit a Negro player to remain on it's hockey team in face of objections from the Navy. And, although Harvard students expressed disapproval of the proposed action in no uncertain terms, the Negro player was not permitted to participate.

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This action on the part of the athletic department caused such criticism that the board of trustees felt it essential that a statement of policy on the whole question should be issued and here is what it says:

"In the future the athletic committee should make it plain to other institutions with whom we are competing, that it is Harvard's principle that there should be no racial discrimination among our students."

So well, so good. The big question is "will the departments stand back of this statement and shape their course in the light of it? Only time will tell.

Unquestionably, Harvard is possibly our leading institution in America. At least we generally think of it as top notch in our educational system. With this in mind, it was fine of Harvard to have taken the lead in a statement taking this high ground. It will be infinitely more important that it takes the lead in the practical application of the principles set forth in the statement. And we go further and say that if Harvard stands on these principles, most schools, north and south, will follow suit.

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Frankly, it is not particularly difficult to find good followers where the leadership is good. It will be interesting to watch the result.

Christian Recorder
Philadelphia, Pa.

ALL RACIAL BARS LIFTED AT HARVARD

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., An (A.P.) Announcement says:—Harvard's director of athletics, William J. Bingham, was ordered by the Harvard Corporation today to advise all athletic opponents that the university would countenance no racial discrimination.

Bingham had asked the corporation for a statement of policy after the barring of a Negro lacrosse player, Lucien V. Alexis, Jr., of New Orleans, from the Harvard team in a recent game with the Naval Academy brought protests from several quarters.

Letter Gives Opinion

In a letter to Bingham, the corporation expressed the opinion that "in the future the athletic committee should make it plain to other institutions with whom we are competing that it is Harvard's principle that there should be no racial discrimination among our students."

After the game with the Naval Academy, which Harvard lost, it was disclosed that Harvard first had the alternative of benching Alexis, or accepting a forfeit from Navy. Rear Admiral Russell Willson, superintendent of the academy, wired Bingham, who at first was inclined to accept the forfeit.

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Guests of Academy

However, Alexis did not play and Bingham later explained, "We were guests of the Naval Academy and had no choice in the matter. Had the game been played at Cambridge," he said, "I would have insisted that he be allowed to participate."

Navy is scheduled to play Harvard on the football field this autumn, and Harvard has a Negro player, Ray Guild, of Cambridge.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Anti-Jim Crow Confab Set

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A significant one-day conference of national student leaders will be held at Howard University in Washington, D. C., this Sunday on the subject of "Democratic Equality in Sports."

Sponsored by the newly-formed National Council for Democracy in Education, the meeting is being called to "work out better cultural relations between Northern and Southern colleges and for insuring that Northern colleges uphold consistently student equality in sports."

The conference is undoubtedly a sign that the nationwide battles against Jim Crow in sports are meeting with widespread support. With the NCDE at the core of the tremendous victory recently scored over discrimination at Harvard has spured the fight all over the country.

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NYU, Harvard, Wisconsin and North Carolina, the conference call points out, "have been the scene of constructive activity toward insuring democratic equality in sports."

The expulsion of seven NYU student leaders for fighting Jim Crow —now being carried by Violet students to the courts—will likely be one of the main points of discussion at the conference. A recent NCDE statement urged a national struggle to reinstate the seven, and to end Jim Crow at NYU.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

CHANCE TO SEE GREAT JIM-CROWED STARS

Led by Satchel Paige, greatest pitcher in Negro baseball and rated by big league managers and players as the equal of the best in the majors, the Kansas City Monarchs, many times champion of the Negro American League, will meet the New York Cuban Stars Sunday at Yankee Stadium. These teams clash in the feature of the fifth Ruppert Cup doubleheader. In the other game the Black Yankees oppose the Philadelphia Stars.

If you've never seen the great Negro players in action, here's your chance for a real baseball treat. And don't forget to sign those petitions asking for an end to the big leagues' Jim Crow. Half million fans signed last year.

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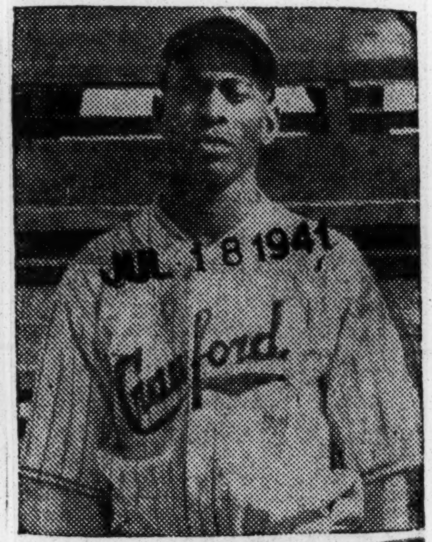

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Penn Relays Eyed By Tuskegee Athletes

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The crack Tuskegee Institute relay team will leave the campus this week for the Penn Relays which will take place at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. The Tuskegee foursome will again endeavor to capture first place in the Teachers' College One-Mile Relay Championship of America and the college mile relay. In the ten years that Tuskegee has been sending teams to America's No. 1 classic, the Institute representatives have never been able to win a championship, but they have never placed lower than fourth in any race. Last year the team lost by a margin of a full breadth. Mozelle Ellerbe, who has won the One Hundred Yard Dash Championship of America for the past three years, will not compete this year, having had three years of intercollegiate athletic competition.

The team this year will be composed of Raymond Head, who will lead off; Marvin Fretwell at the second leg; Louis Slade, running the third leg, and Upshaw Sams at anchor. The substitutes are Fred Thomas and William Anderson.

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The Alabama State Teachers College Relays, held at Montgomery, on April 18 and 19, served as a tune-up for the Penn Relays. From the Penn Relays the track and field team will take part in the Xavier Relays, which will be held at Xavier University in New Orleans on May 2 and 3. All of these meets lead the Tuskegee team up to their own relays, the fifteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Championships which will be staged in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute on May 10.

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

College, Prep Golfers Eye Tuskegee Try

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The Fourth Annual Intercollegiate Golf Tournament and the Second Annual National Interscholastic Golf Tournament will be held at Tuskegee Institute, May 8 and 9. United States Golf Association rules will prevail.

Eighteen holes will be played Thursday morning, May 8, and eighteen holes will be played Friday morning, May 9. Each high school or prep school will be allowed to enter six girls and six boys in the competition. Any four may be chosen out of the six entries in computing the score of the final team. This same rule will prevail for the intercollegiate competition.

The tournament as in former years, will be played on Tuskegee's 3400 yard par 35, sand green golf course. This course has plenty of natural hazards. The fairway of each hole is crossed by a small stream making accurate shooting necessary.

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Entry fees will not be charged for the tournament. The eligibility for each entrant must be certified by a qualified officer of the institution, and in the high school section, high school rules will strictly prevail.

It is hoped that this tournament will be largely supported and that it may be the stepping stone for colored players to en the great National Tournaments held in this country each year.

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Atlanta, Georgia

TUSKEGEE RELAY SUMMARIES

Xavier Preps Dominate In Competition

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Every prep record escaped blemish here Saturday afternoon as Xavier High School, New Orleans, La., walked away with cinderpath honors in the interscholastic division of the Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Relays.

Xavier High copped four first places in the Class A Division and chalked up 23 points, closely pursued by Booker T. Washington High School of Atlanta, Ga., which tallied 16 points. Merrill High School of Pine Bluff, Ark., was third.

In the Class B Division, Decatur High of Decatur, Ala., was an easy victor with first place in the quarter mile and half mile relays coupled with thirds in both the 100 yard dash and medley high school relay, for a total of 14 points.

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Rogers of Xavier Prep copped the coveted century dash in 10.3, with his teammate, Detrville, coming in second, Aldridge of Decatur third, and Lee of Lincoln Academy, Kings Mountain, N. C., fourth.

Xavier augmented her century ringer with firsts in the quarter-mile, mile and medley relays, while BTWHS of Atlanta represented by Nat Lewis, Fred Woods, Joseph Potts, and Clifford Moreland in that order, scored a spectacular win in the half mile relay. The Atlantans barely missed first places in finishing second in the quarter mile, mile and medley relays.

PREP SUMMARIES

100 Yard Dash—Rogers (Xavier), Deterville (Xavier), Aldridge (Decatur), Lee (Lincoln). 10.3.

440 Yard Relay—(Class A)—Xavier, BTWHS (Atlanta), Tuskegee 44.9.

440 Yard Relay—(Class B) Decatur, Brooks High, Lincoln Academy. 46.0.

880 Yard Relay — (Class A) BTWHS (Atlanta), Tuskegee, Merrill. 1:36.5.

8:80 Yard Relay—(Class B) Decatur, Brooks High, Lincoln Academy. 1:36.1.

Mile Relay — Xavier, BTWHS, Merrill, Lincoln. 3:37.5.

Medley Relay —Xavier, BTWHS, Decatur, Merrill.

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Two Mile Relay — Merrill, McDonough 35, BTWHS. 8:44.1.

100 yard dash. Tarrant (Alabama) Douglas (Xavier) Henderson (Alabama) Worthy (Alabama) 9.8.

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120 yd. hurdles—Paxton (Xavier) Farrow (Xavier) Amos (Morehouse) Rainey (Ky. State) 14.8 (New meet record).

400 Meter Hurdles — Frrow (Xavier) Paxton (Xavier) Houston (Morehouse) Browder (Tuskegee) 58.0.

440 Yard Run—Marshall (Ft. Valley) Morton (Xavier) Bryant (Southern) Baker (Xavier 48.6.

440 Yard Relay— Xavier, Alabama, Morehouse, Tuskegee 42.3.

880 Yard Relay— Xavier, Alabama, Tuskegee, Ky. State 1:28.

Mile Run—Culp (Xavier) Baugh (Alabama) Lawson (Morris Brown) Chester (Southern) 4:27.5 (New meet record)

Mile Relay —Tuskegee (Head, Fretwell, Slade, Sams) Xavier, Prarie View, Alabama 3:19.8.

Two Mile Relay — Tuskegee (Head, Fretwell, Slade, Sams) Xavier, Alabama, Morehouse 8:8.5.

Four Mile Relay—Xavier, Alabama, Tuskegee 18:52.3.

Pole Vault— Farmer (Xavier) Robinson (Tuskegee) Brown (Southern) Canson, (Tuskegee) 13:6 (New meet record).

Javelin. Williamson (Xavier) Taylor (Southern) Thurman (Ky. State) Haines (Morehouse) 195:8 ((New meet record).

Shot Put—Direaux (Unattached) Robert (Xavier) Scott (Alabama) Thurman (Ky State) 47:91 1-4.

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Discus Thow — C. Williams (Xavier) M. Williams (Florida) Dereaux (Unattached) Robart (Xavier) 130:6 3-4.

BROAD JUMP—Douglas (Xavier) Al Jones (Alabama Walker (Alabama) Allison (Ky State) 22:11.

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CUSTODIAN OF BATONS

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TUSKEGEE Inst., Ala.—(SNS)—Miss Vida L. Shank, a Senior in the School of Home Economics who will serve as Custodian of the Batons, at the Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival, which will be held in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute Saturday, May 10. Athletes from all over the country will come to Tuskegee and will participate in the Carnival. Miss Shank, whose home is in Union Point, Georgia, is one of the most popular young women on the campus. Her associate will be Miss Cecelia Batey, Senior, Home Economic, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Wins Teachers Mile Relay

Harris, Farrow, Dugger Steal Penn Relays Show

Norwood Ewell Beaten In Century Dash Final

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(Special)—Following in the footsteps of other Negro athletes, who have ridden to glory by spectacular performances in the celebrated Penn relays, colored cinderpath stars won three individual championships in invitational and field events and captured three team relay championships as the forty-seventh annual carnival closed amid clouds, here, Saturday.

Archie Harris, Indiana university's ace field event star, created a new record in the discus throw, and Indiana's two relay runners, Bob Burnett and Marcellus Jenkins, covered themselves with glory with brilliant legs as Indiana won the College One-Mile Relay championship with a 3:16.4 clocking. Burnett and Jenkins were teamed with Roy Cochran, white, Big Ten indoor quarter-mile champion, and Campbell Kane, half-mile champ, and they were very important cogs in the Hoosiers' triumph.

Burnett handled the No. 1 leg with a 50 flat quarter; Jenkins clicked off a 48.3 then Kane and Cochran did 50 and 48.1 for the victory.

New York university's grand team stars, Capt. George Hagans and Dave Lawyer, were also very much in the spotlight as the Violet sparked by the sensational miler, Leslie MacMitchell, won three relay championships.

Tuskegee Wins Relay

Tuskegee's crack relay team of Raymond Head, Marvin Fretwell, Louis Slade and Upshaw Sams was clocked in 3:27.3 in winning the Teachers' College One-Mile relay championship of America, dethroning Hampton which holds the record for the event—3:21.4, made in 1939. Hampton, with a completely new team, was fourth.

Tuskegee beat West Chester, which was seocnd with Terry Jenkins doing a nice No. 2 leg; Shipensburg, and Bloomsburg. Earlier Tuskegee finished second behind Wayne university in one of the Class Mile relays, with Fred Thomas running the No. 1 leg instead of Head. Wayne, with its two colored stars, Bob Wingo and Lin Wright, turning in 50.4 and 48.7 quarters, respectively, won the event in the fastest time of the day for the class relays, 3:19.5. Wingo led off the team, with Wright handling the anchor.

Morgan State college's quartet from Baltimore, Md., won another Class Relay championship with the second best team. The Morgan four, paced by the No. 3 man, Robert Drake, former Bordentown runner, who turned in a fast 48.7, was clocked in 3:21.6. Rutgers was second, Virginia State college third, and City College of New York, fourth, in the race. Lincoln was entered but retired when its No. 3 man, L. Costa, was knocked from the track in a mix-up at the post exchange.

Drake's 48.7 quarter, one of the fastest of the two-day carnival, was supported by 51.3, 52.1 and 49.5 by John Fletcher, Webster Lewis and Embra Bowie, respectively. The Baltimore four beat the time turned in by Catholic university of Washington, Villanova, Bloomsburg Teachers and West Chester, with Dean Cummings as anchor, in other such relays.

Howard university was second in a class relay.

Norwood Ewell Beaten

Norwood (Barney) Ewell, Penn State's hot sprinter, had to be content with second place and Bill Carter, Pitt's colored dashman, third, while the Cheyney sensation, Tom East, was washed out completely in the 100-yard invitation dash, formerly dominated by Negro sprinters.

Ewell and Carter were both left in their holes at the start and found the slow beginning too much of a handicap as Welby Williams, white, of North Texas Teachers college, won in an eyelash finish. Only a few inches separated Ewell and Williams at the tape, with Carter right in the thick of the pack and Bob Jackson, Princeton, fourth.

Williams' time was 9.8 seconds, slower than Carter's heat winning time of 9.7 seconds.

End Our Dash Reign

The Texas sprinter's triumph ended a long string of relay dash victories for sepia sprinters, with Mozel Ellerbe, the Tuskegee flash as the more recent victor in the last two years, but the triumph was tainted with unpleasantness. East, running behind Carter in the 9.7 first heat, looked like a definite second to qualify, with Williams, third, and apparently out of the money. It was originally announced that Carter was first, and East second, but five minutes later officials made a subsequent announcement that a mistake had been made and that Williams was second, with East third and thereby out of the finals. The judgment of the officials stood despite protest by Cheyney's coach, Joshua Williamson and East was eliminated.

Long John Woodruff, Olympic 800-meter champion and former Pitt ace, came back to the scene of his many relay victories as anchor man for the 369th Regiment Ft. Ontario quartet in the Military Service one-mile specialty, turning in an easy striding 49.5 quarter as his team won in 3:29.5. Long John is now a lieutenant. Woodruff's relay teammates were Sgt. Thomas Carey, Sgt. William Cuffey and Pvt. Warren Coleman.

Xavier university from far away New Orleans, had hard luck in two races. In the one-half mile college relay championship, the Gold Rush brought here by Ralph Metcalfe, former sprint champion, was disqualified along with Morgan for failure to pass the baton within the passing zone. The Xavier team of Enos Hicks, Junius Hanazawa, Howard Mitchell and Carolos Belizaire was clocked in 1:29.4, but went out by disqualification.

On Friday, the same Xavier quartet was clocked in 42.1 in the qualifying heat of the college quarter-mile relay championship but faltered in passing the baton on the third leg and could do no better than third behind Duke and North Texas Teachers college in the final. Duke won in [illegible] flat.

Arrington Second in Jump

There were no colored participants in the pole valut, although several were listed as entries but in the broad jump, Walter Arrington of Michigan State took second place with a leap of 23 feet, 3⅞ inches, and Barney Ewell, Penn State, copped fourth with a distance of 22 feet, 10½ inches. Blount's winning leap was 24 feet, ⅛ inch.

Juan Lujanda, Lincoln; Leroy McCloud, Cheyney, and Madison Garrison, Morgan, also participated in the broad jump. Arrington was unable to get into the money circle in the high jump, and Leonard Bates, the NYU athlete, failed in the javelin.

In addition to his individual triumph, Eddie Dugger anchored Tufts' 480-yard shuttle relay quartet to its first carnival relay victory. The Tufts team, with Ray Valente, Gordon Brainerd and Walter Hall, all white, supporting Dugger, beat Yale and Pittsburgh in the heat in 1:02.5, then took the final in 1:02.6 with eight yards to spare over the University of Pennsylvania, winner of the second heat. Yale which also qualified for the final, withdrew because of injury to one of its hurdlers.

High School Stars

Aside from these team victories and individual wins, colored athletes, pacing collegiate and scholastic relay fours, stole the usual share of glory with excellent legs in the monotonous string of relay races that kept runners going in a dizzy whirl around the cinder oval all day Saturday.

Most noteworthy among those whose names have not already crept into this story were Tommy Norman and Johnny Grant who sparked Philadelphia Overbrook high school to three relay titles in the scholastic division; Paige, Moat, anchor for Media, Pa., high, winners of the Philadelphia Suburban relay title; and Douglass high school's team from Baltimore, Md., which finished third behind Good Counsel of New Jersey and Germantown, Pa., with Mayfield Boyle, Ernest Bradley, Rudolph Johnson and Charles Jones.

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Negro Track Stars After World Records In Tuskegee Relays

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Jean Lane Will Try For Helen Stephens' Mark, 100-Meter Competition

BY ROMNEY WHEELER

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(AP)—Slender, bespectacled Jean Lane, daughter of Wilberforce University's dean of men, will seek a new world record here next week-end in the women's 100-meter dash.

Competing in the fifteenth renewal of the Tuskegee Relays, the Wilberforce junior will be shooting at the mark of 11.5 seconds, set by Helen Stephens at Berlin, Aug. 4, 1936. She already holds the women's 100-yard record of 10.9 seconds, made last year at Cincinnati, and this season she has been clocked unofficially several times at or near the world metric mark.

Negro athletes from 14 colleges and universities are entering in the relays, and sideline observers speculated Wednesday that new track records likely would be set in the quarter-mile and one-mile individual events.

Barrell-chested Eddie Culp, the New Orleans flyer of Xavier University, renews his rivalry in the mile run with John Lawson, of Morris Brown, Atlanta. Culp is regarded as almost certain to crack the record of 4:30.8 established last year when he finished a stride ahead of Lawson. Three weeks ago, in the Alabama State Teachers Relays at Montgomery, Culp stepped the distance in 4:22.5, and last week-end he won both the mile and half-mile tests at New Orleans' Xavier Relays in record-breaking time.

Watched as a probable record-maker in the quarter-mile is sensational Earnest Marshall, freshman at Fort Valley (Ga.) State Teachers' College, who raced a field of veterans into the ground at Montgomery and finished in 49 seconds flat for his first-competitive start. The existing record for the Tuske-son sacrificed and Mauldin singled to center for one, and Shelley flied to center to score Chatham.

Hurler Anderson was the hero of the Smokies' four-run attack in the fifth. Jackson singled, took second on an infield out and scored on Stewart's double to left. The high score board in left robbed Gabby of a homer as the ball hit high above the fence line. The Barons elected to use strategy and walked Chatham to get to Anderson. On the first ball pitched, Anderson rode it a country mile over the left field fence accounting for three runs. Old Andy wore a grin from ear to ear as he circled the sacks.

A lucky hit enabled the Barons to score twice in the sixth. Mele beat out a hit to third and Dejan walked. Sauer hit what looked like it was going to be a perfect double play ball, but it hopped over Chatham's head and Mele raced home, Dejan stopping at third. He scored on Del Savio's fly to left.

Mele pounded a homer over the right field wall in the seventh, and Dejan followed with a round-tripper over the left field barrier. Anderson, however, bore down and

Advertiser
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Tuskegee Downs Wilberforce, 26-7

SOLDIER FIELD, CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 14.—Tuskegee's rambling, growling Golden Tigers devoured the fighting Bulldogs of Wilberforce University here Friday night at spacious Soldier Field before 10,000 amazed fans as the "Golden Legions" powerhoused their way to a 26 to 7 victory in one of the big surprise performances of the current football season.

Sweeping over the Ohio opposition with a baffling attack and a stubborn defense, Tuskegee scored twice in the initial period and twice in the third. The Green Wave pushed over its only marker late in the final period after the "Alabama Avalanche" had subsided considerably and was taking it easy.

Line-up and summary:

Tuskegee	Pos.	Wilberforce
Hornburger	LE	Viney
Lewis	LT	Schnebly
Stewart (C)	LG	S. Robinson
Bowman	C	Law
Ross	RG	Holmes
J. Brown	RE	Walton
Ivey	RT	Lofton
G. Robinson	QB	Ebbs
Sawyer	RB	(C) Hart
Sams	LB	Sualls
Van Cleve	FB	C. Brown

Touchdowns: Tuskegee—Lewis, Ivey, Sams, G. Robinson. Wilberforce—Fields. Extra Point: Tuskegee—Ivey (2). Wilberforce—Berry (1). Officials: N. Rivers (Talladega) referee; Mel Whedbee (Fisk), umpire; Virgil Blueitt (Lane Tech), head linesman; Frank A. Young (Chicago) field judge.

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Tuskegee Athletes Get Varsity Letters

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — During the commencement season each year honors are awarded to students who have participated in intercollegiate athletics. The recommendations for the Tuskegee institute varsity "T" are made by the coaches of the respective teams. The coveted athletic honors are awarded upon the approval of Cleve Abbott, director of physical education, and the committee on the regulation of athletics.

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Those approved for athletic awards the academic year, 1940-1941, are as follows:

Football: Joshua Brown, junior, Hilton, Ga.; Marvin Fretwell, senior, Dallas; Lonnie Fyles, sophomore, Houston; Raymond Head, sophomore, Griffin, Ga.; Leonard Collins, senior, Houston; Daniel James, senior, Pensacola, Fla.; Amos Kirk, senior, Okolona, Miss.; Robert Moore, junior, Grambling, La.; Upshaw Sams, junior, Beaumont, Texas; Louis Slade, senior, New Orleans, La.; Marion Smiley, sophomore, Montgomery, Ala.; Dennis Stewart, junior, Jacksonville, Fla., William Johnson, senior, Atlanta, Ga., manager's award.

Basketball: Collins Briggs, junior, Houston, Texas; Leo Brinkley, sophomore, Tulsa, Okla.; George Culver, freshman, Evansville, Ind.; Arthur Dickens, senior, Montrose, Ark.; Thomas Hornburger, sophomore, Edwardsville, Ill.; William Johnson, freshman, Tulsa, Okla.; Charles Perry, freshman, Savannah, Ga.; Eugene Porter, freshman, Savannah, Ga.; George Robinson, sophomore, Hiawatha, Kans.; William Lee, Shaw junior, Washington, D. C.;

Wilson Smith, sophomore, Kansas City, Kans. Manager's award to Theophilus C. Cottrell, Orlando, Fla.

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Track: William Anderson, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Howard Carter, senior, Houston, Texas; Wilbert Dalton, sophomore, Walkertown, N. C.; Marvin Fretwell, senior, Dallas, Texas; Otis Goodwin, El Dorado, Ark.; Raymond Head, sophomore, Griffin, Ga.; Roy LaGrone, freshman, Pine Bluff, Ark.; James Lewis, senior, Southern Pines, N. C.; Clemenceau Maulsby, sophomore, Jacksonville, Fla.; Murphy McCoy, sophomore, Fordyce, Ark.; George Robinson, sophomore, Hiawatha, Kans.; Upshaw Sams, junior Beaumont, Texas; Louis Slade, senior, New Orleans; Fred Thomas, freshman, New York City. (Manager's award to Charles Wray, senior, of British Guiana, South Africa.

Tennis: Clifford Russell, junior, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Howard Minnis, sophomore, Nassau, Bahamas, British West Indies.

Rifelry: Charles Powell, Tuskegee, Institute, Ala.

Women's Basketball: Margaret Barnes, senior, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Hester Brown, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Elizabeth Campbell, sophomore, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Pearlena Gant, junior, Oakland, Calif.; Jewell Handy, sophomore, Lafayette, Ala.; Helen Hutchinson, sophomore, Tuskegee institute, Ala.; Ruby Hockenhull, freshman, Hermondale, Mo.; Christine Long, freshman, Atchison, Kans.; Lucy Newell, sophomore, Laurel, Miss.; Lelia Perry, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Margaret Peters, senior, Washington D. C.; Willie B. Seals, sophomore, Magnolia, Miss. Manager's awards to Essadora Wright, sophomore, Lucy, Tenn., and Martha Driver, sophomore, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Women's Track: Margaret Barnes, senior, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Hester Brown, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Betsy Carey, junior, Esmont, Va.; Florida Fisher, freshman, Laurel, Miss.; Hazel Glashen, sophomore, East Berkley, W. Va.; Hattie Hall, junior, Glendale, Ohio; Jewell Handy, sophomore, Lafayette, Ala.; Daisy Harrell, freshman, Brantley, Ala.; Juanita Hill, junior, Los Angeles; Ruby Hockenhull, freshman, Hermondale, Mo.; Christine Long, freshman, Atchison, Kans.; Willie Mae McClure, freshman, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Lucy Newell, sophomore, Laurel, Miss.; Leila Perry, junior, Atlanta, Ga.; Maggie Pete, freshman, Greenwood, Fla.; Marcie Lee Polk, freshman, Tuskegee institute, Ala.; Mary Veal, sophomore, Atlanta. Manager's award to Cora Tate Berry, junior, Anniston, Ala.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

TUSKEGEE WALLOPS XAVIER

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Oct. 2—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee institute defeated Xavier university of New Orleans here Saturday afternoon in the opening football game of the season by a decisive score of 25 to 6. More than 3,000 spectators saw the Tigers score twice in the third and fourth quarter.

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Neither team was able to score during the first half but shortly after the beginning of the second half, Tuskegee took possession of the ball near midfield. A tricky forward pass, Robineon to Ivey, was good for 12 yards and the fleet Tuskegee end zig-zagged his way 50 yards for the initial touchdown of the afternoon. His try for the extra point was low.

Shortly after this, Head, Tuskegee back, returned a Xavier punt 43 yards, placing the ball on the enemy's 19-yard marker where Sams picked up the remaining distance on the first play for the second touchdown. Ivey's kick was good and the score stood at 13 to 0.

Tuskegee scored twice in the fourth quarter when Robinson threw a 15-yard pass to Sams who ran the remaining 38 yards for the third touchdown. Ivey's place kick was low. On an exchange of punts, and aided by a penalty, Tuskegee took possession of the ball on Xavier's eight-yard line from which point Robinson went over for the final touchdown.

Xavier's lone touchdown came at the beginning of the fourth quarter when the Gold Rush worked the ball to Tuskegee's 35-yard line. A pass from Pryor to O. Williams was good for 12 yards and the Xavier end ran the remaining distance for the touchdown. Rogers' drop kick was low of the mark.

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Women in Athletics

Tuskegee Women Tennis Players Win Four Intercollegiate Titles

By R. S. DARNABY

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The women tennis players of Tuskegee institute copped four straight intercollegiate champions this spring by winning the Southwestern intercollegiate singles and doubles championships, and grand slamming the Southern intercollegiate championships where they won the singles and doubles, and placed a team as runners-up in the doubles.

The 1941 tennis season was one of great advancement in the South, due to the increased interest evinced by the younger players, also to the presence in the southern colleges and universities of all the champions in the men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, girls' singles, junior singles and doubles as well as the boys' singles champion, along with several runners-up in thes divisions.

At Prairie View State college, Prairie View, Texas, there resides Mrs. Agnes Lawson, national women's singles champion, and Charles Lewis Jr., national boys' singles champion.

At Xavier university, New Orleans, may be found Jimmie McDaniels, national men's singles champion, and Richard Cohen, who teamed with McDaniel and won the national men's doubles championships two years ago, and at Wilberforce last year, was runner-up in the singles to McDaniel as well as Robert Ryland, freshman from Chicago, former junior singles champion. These players, together with Graves and Smith, have lifted Xavier to new heights in the tennis world.

At Dorchester Academy, MacIntosh, Ga., Joe King, present national junior champion, is graduating this year, and bids fair to become probably the finest young player ever to be developed in the South.

At Fisk university, Nashville, is found Vivian Murphy, a freshman from Buffalo. She was national girls' singles champion in 1939, but she did not play intercollegiate tennis this year.

We find Roland McDaniels at Virginia Union university and Robert Ashford Jr., the junior doubles champions. The runners-up in junior doubles are Marshall Arnold, a sophomore of Morehouse college, and Joseph King, the national junior champion.

Roumania Peters and Margaret Peters sisters, have dominated women's play for the last four years; teaming together they have also won the national intercollegiate doubles champions for the last four years. Kathryn Jones, a Tuskegee freshman, was defeated last year at Wilberforce by Mrs. Agnes Lawson, the champion, in three blistering sets.

In the girls' championships at Wilberforce last year the winner, Helen Hutchinson, a Tuskegee freshman, defeated her teammate, Thelma McDaniels, of Richmond, Va., also a Tuskegee freshman, in a thrilling three-set match.

Clifford Russell, Tuskegee junior, and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee sophomore, scored the most stunning upsets recorded in the national championships last year when they blasted the defending champions, Jimmie McDaniel and Richard Cohen, out of the tournament in the semi-final round. They also have won the Southwestern intercollegiate champions for the last two years, and also the Southern intercollegiate championships. In winning these championships, Russell and Minnis are really the national intercollegiate doubles champions.

The highlight of the intercollegiate season in the South was the epic five-set match between Jimmie McDaniel and Clifford Russell in the finals of the Xavier university intercollegiates. Russell won the first two sets at 6-4, 6-4 and was leading in the third set only to see McDaniel win that set, 6 games to 4, and go on to win the next two sets after the rest period 7-5, 7-5.

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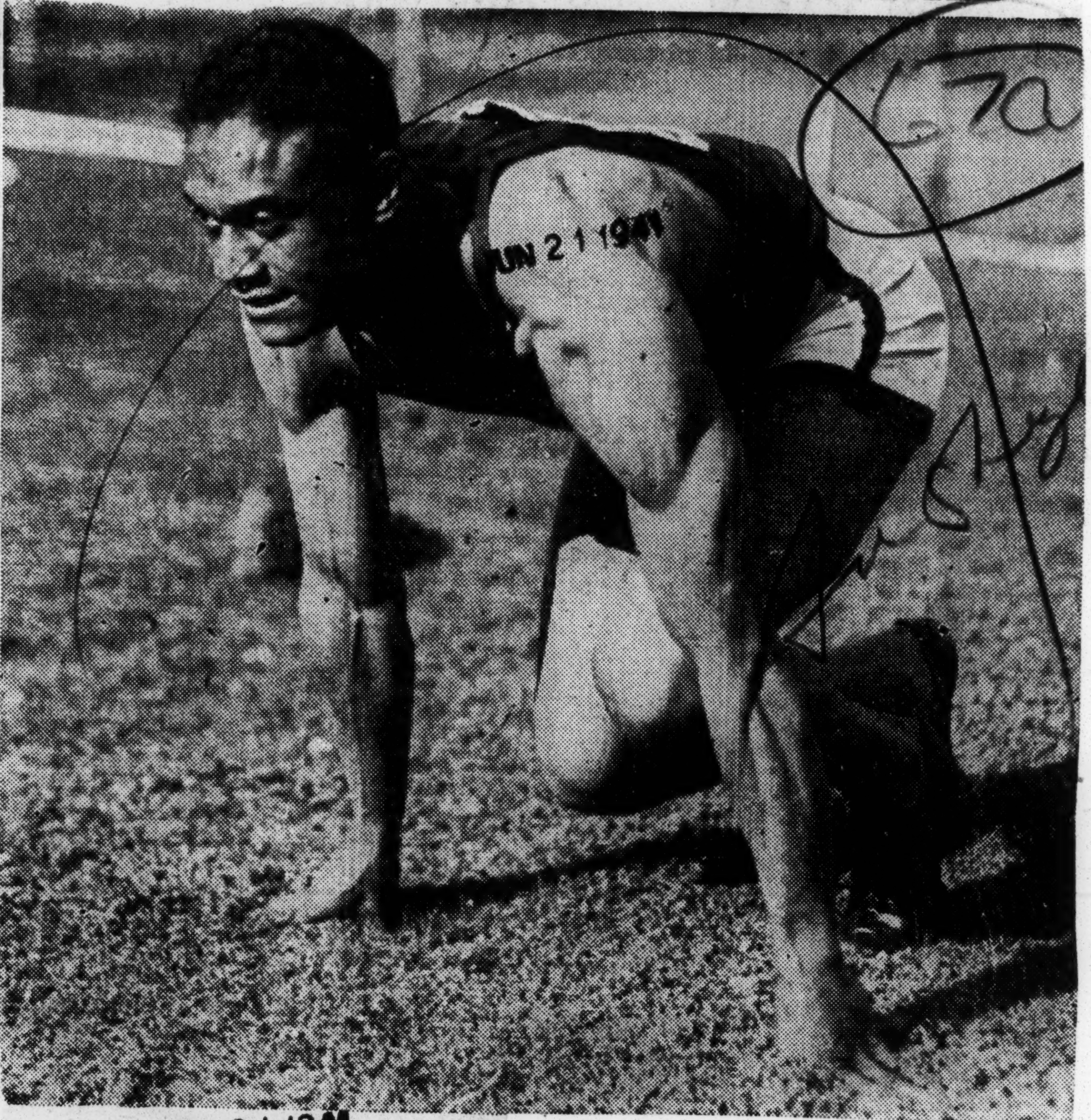

Mozell Ellerbe, former National Collegiate, Drake relays, Kansas relays, Penn relays and Central A.A. 100-yard dash champion, will make another attempt to win the 100 meters title in the 1941 National A.A.U. track and field championships at Philadelphia next Saturday. Ellerbe, a student at Tukegee, was [illegible] competition this year in college circles.

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The outdoor meet was held under the sponsorship of the Ocean City Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs for the benefit of local charities.

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Stiff Competition Seen In A.T.A. Silver Jubilee Meet Which Opens Aug. 18

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By J. D. McGHEE

AUG 16 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The stage is set for the epochal silver jubilee anniversary of the American Tennis association to be held at Tuskegee institute August 18-23.

Top flight players and a host of tennis lovers will invade this historic spot which is for the third time the scene of the national championships of the A.T.A.

Preparation for the gala occasion began three years ago when the five-year plan of the American Tennis association was adopted at Lincoln university designating Tuskegee institute as the place for the observance of A.T.A. 25th anniversary.

The program of events and social activities that is scheduled for the big week and announced in the executive bulletin from the office of the executive secretary, Bertram L. Baker, promises to be the most significant in the history of A.T.A.

Progress and development in A.T.A. for 25 years will be reflected in the sportsmanship and playing technique of players who will compete for coveted honors in 11 championships to be decided.

Many former national champions and ranking players will compete for the men's singles championship which has been successfully defended by A.T.A.'s most sensational and colorful champion, Jimmie McDaniel of Xavier university. Lloyd Scott, Prairie View, Texas, and Dr. Reginald Weir, New York City, former champions; Richard Cohen, Xavier university; John Chandler, Flenwood, N. J.; Howard Minnis and Clifford Russell, Tuskegee; Robert Ryland, Xavier university are among leading contenders expected to give the champion trouble at the silver jubilee.

Jimmie McDaniel in one of the feature attractions of the week will defend his crown in the Intercollegiate championship playoff.

Another all-out order has been heard by former women singles champions. Miss Ora Washington, Philadelphia, eight times national women's singles champion, seven times consecutively, heads the list of former champions out to relieve Mrs. Agnes Lawson, Prairie View, Texas, of the national championship she won last year. Mrs. Flora Lomax, Detroit, another former champion, is also a leading contender for the silver jubilee honors. The Peters sisters, Kathryn Jones and Mayme Stanley, all of Tuskegee institute, will give a good account of themselves in this championship contest.

The doubles events in the men's and women's divisions are expected to be packed with thrills and surprises. Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis of Tuskegee, the present men's doubles title holders must face the well known former champions, Richard Cohen and Jimmie McDaniel; Dr. John L. McGriff and John L. McGriff Jr., in a father and son combination that must be reckoned with.

The Peters sisters, Margaret and Roumania of Tuskegee, three years women doubles champions, may find the going tough against a strong field of newcomers.

In all the other six events anything may happen. A new junior champion automatically must be crowned. New junior doubles champions, new boys' singles champion, new girls' singles champion all loom as possible.

The official agenda of meetings for the silver jubilee is of wide interest and is as follows: Sunday, Aug. 17, joint meeting executive and torunament committees; official drawing; Monday, Aug. 18, national program committee; Tuesday, Aug. 19, executive committee hear reports; Wednesday, Aug. 20, annual business meeting; Thursday, Aug. 21, executive committee meeting; Saturday, Aug. 23, joint meeting of the executive and tournament committees.

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Nat'l Tennis Association to Meet at 'Kegee

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Orangeburg, S. C.—The Silver Jubilee anniversary of the American Tennis association which will be celebrated at Tuskegee August 18-23 tops the list of sport and social events on the national social calendar for 1941.

Preparation for this 25th anniversary has been under way for many months and reports from more than one hundred fifty clubs that are members of sectional and state associations indicate a record attendance will witness the national championships to be held at Tuskegee.

New York City, where the American Tennis association was organized twenty-five years ago is expected to lead all other cities in represntation. A special pullman train has been reserved to bring the Gotham delegation.

A silver jubi'ee celebration anniversary of the New York State Tennis association makes the role of the New York delegation doubly significant. The special features scheduled for the New York State championship which will be held August 4-10 on the Cosmopolitan courts in New York City are under the distinguished patronage of Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, New York City.

Top flight racquet weilders are making the rounds of the big tournaments sanctioned by the American Tennis association, priming for the gruelling tests of these two big jubi'ee celebrations.

Xavier university's stellar players have begun their July and August itinerary which began at the South Carolina open held at South Carolina State A. and M. college, Orangeburg, S. C., July 9-11. Jimmie McDaniel, national singles champion and Richard Cohen, national runner-up and Jimmie's doubles partner carried off the major honors of this major tournament.

The South Carolina open was the real season opener and preliminary test for stamina and heat endurance of ranking national contenders. Tuskegee's defending national doubles stars, Howard Minnis and Clifford Russell also had their first real test against McDaniel and Cohen in the semi-finals in a four sets match but wilted in the finals against McDaniel. Minnis forced McDaniel to play five sets in their semi-final and the Minnis-Russell combination were unable to play against the McDaniel-Cohen team in the finals after Russell's misfortune from heat.

The Xavier university players at the South Carolina open which included McDaniel, Cohen, Robert Ryland and Joseph King are heading East this week for other battles against a galaxy of stars that wi'l compete at the Pennsylvania open, the New Jersey open and the Silver Jubilee of the New York open. After these big engagements they will head south for the Georgia open August 12-16.

All the major tournaments now left on the season's roster which will be packed with interest and keen competition is expected to attract the nation's sport lovers to the biggest event in the history of the American Tennis association when the National Championships are played at Tuskegee August 18-23.

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National Net Meet Starts

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By J. D. McGHEE

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — A seaboard delegation of one hundred two in a special Pullman train and headed by Dr. D. Ivison Hoage, president of the American Tennis association and other members of the official family and motorcades from the North, West and East arrrived in historic Tuskegee institut6e for the national championships and silver jubilee anniversary of the American Tennis association to be held here August 18-23.

The special Pullman train starting out from New York City at 8:27 a.m., Saturday with 93 arrived at Chetaw, Ala., five miles from Tuskegee institute with 102 players, fans and officials of the American Tennis association at 10:19 a.m. Sunday morning ready for the epochal and joint celebration of the organizing of the American Tennis association 25 years ago at Baltimore, Md., and the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of Tuskegee institute.

Sixty-one players were in the delegation that arrived by special train. Many of the top flight players came in motor cars on Saturday and Sunday and had workouts on the fourteen well constructed red clay courts here.

The Xavier "big four," consisting of Jimmie McDaniel, national men singles and 1939 men's doubles champion, Richard Cohen, 1939 national men's doubles champion, and men's singles runner-up, Joseph King, national junior singles champion and national junior doubles runner-up and Robert Ryland, 1939 national junior champion and national rated No. 4 men's singles, were first among the topnotchers to arrive on Saturday from New York where the four entered and won all the trophies in the two main events—the men's singles and the men's doubles—at the silver jubilee championships of the New York Tennis association, August 4-10. Jimmie McDaniel was crowned New York champion in men's singles by defeating Joseph King, who was runner-up.

Jimmie McDaniel and Richard Cohen were crowned the doubles champions also defeating Joseph King and Robert Ryland. Xavier unibersity's "big four" did all that could be done i the two big events for their alma mater.

Two other Xavier university representatives arrived on Sunday from Atlanta, Ga., where Louis Graves and Elwood Smith gave a good account of themselves.

Tuskegee institute's own aces, who represented the internationally known institution at the New York open, returned the first part of the week and had their daily workouts for the gala events that begin here 9 a.m., Monday.

Tuskegee's entries at the New York Silver Jubilee who brought back four trophies and others who made the going tough for the "big guns" will be among the seeded in the draw that takes place Sunday night. The Peters sisters won the women's doubles, and Roumania Peters was the runner-up in the women's singles. John Garrett won

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Tuskegee Net Players Get Ready To Defend Titles At National Tourney

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TUSKEGEE Ala.—Members of the Tuskegee Institute Tennis club met and discussed plans for the celebration of the 25th anniversary championships of the American Tennis Association which will be played on the championship courts at the institute August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

The silver anniversary meeting of the American Tennis association will be one of the most important and largest attended sessions of the association. Tennis players and followers of the game will come to Tuskegee to witness the sterling brand of play and to participate in the many entertainment features which will be planned by Tuskegee institute and members of the local tennis club.

The Misses Margaret and Roumania Peters, Washington, D C., students at Tuskegee, national doubles champions, will defend their title. Kathryn Jones, Tuskegee sophomore from Springfield, Mass., will attempt to wrest the national women's singles championship from Mrs. Agnes Lawson of Prairie View college, Prairie View, Texas. Mrs. Lawson defeated Miss Jones in a blistering three-set match at Wilberforce university for the national singles crown last year.

Margaret and Roumania Peters had trouble in defeating Ora Washington and Aneta Gant in the doubles finals in 1940.

Helen Hutchins, Tuskegee sophomore, national girls' singles champion, has graduated from the girls' events and will take part in the events for women. However, Thelma McDaniels, Tuskegee freshman from Richmond, Va., and last year's runner-up to Helen Hutchinson will again play in the girls' singles events. Miss McDaniels, who is only 16, has two more years of eligibility for girls' events.

Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee sophomores, national doubles champions, will be the defenders in this event. At Wilberforce these two youngsters shocked the packed galleries by taking the crown from the then champions, Jimmy McDaniels and Richard Cohen of Xavier.

Russell and Minnis will play in the singles events where they are nationlly ranked. At Wilberforce it was Russell who eliminated the favored Dr. Reginald Weir from national championship in the first quarter finals in what spectators said was one of the best matches of the tournament.

Present at the meeting were Dr. J. A. Kennedy, president, Tuskegee Tennis club; Charles G. Bevans, secretary, Tuskegee Tennis club; Lloyd Isaacs, treasurer, Tuskegee institute; G. W. A. Johnston, business agent, Tuskegee institute, and chairman of the trophy committee; Edmund H. Burke, comptroller at Tuskegee and chairman of the American Tennis Association tournament committee; R. S. Darnaby, publicity director, who has handled the publicity at Tuskegee for the 1931 and 1937 tournaments; Cleve L. Abbott, vice president of the American Tennis Association and chairman of the local tournament committee, and George C. Busby, supply officer, Veterans Administration facility.

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

UNION SHADES TUSKEGEE '5'

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Jan. 4.—In a game that sparkled with brilliance and excitement all the way, Tuskegee was beaten, 44-42, by the Virginia Union basketball team, champions of the C. I. A .A., before a packed house in Logan Hall here Saturday afternoon. Tuskegee led, 25 to 24, the half. Davis, playing a remarkably good game for the Virginia team, accounted for 13 points from the field and 5 via the gift zone route, was the high scorer of the afternoon. He topped Blair, his teammate, by one marker. Tuskegee presented a much improved team and was leading Virginia Union by two points, but the defense leaked on a jump ball and Union's lanky forward tipped the ball deep into Tuskegee territory to Knighton, the elongated center of the opposition, who dribbled through to win the game. Smith, Brinkley, Hornburger and Culver were the ranking scorers for the Golden Quintmen.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Clark In Third Place By Halting Florida, 43-37

MAR 2 - 1941

By LUCIUS JONES

TUSKEGEE INST., Ala.—Before 4,000 howling hardwood fanatics here Saturday night, Xavier outplayed and defeated a fighting but erratic Tuskegee machine 34-27 to cop the Eighth Annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament. Xavier led at the half 21-14.

As a curtain raiser to the championship contest, Clark turned back a smooth and threatening Florida combination 43-37 after leading 23-16 at intermission. The victory gave the Panthers the third place trophy.

Xavier began the game in a cool, business-like fashion that turned the contest into a one-sided affair from the jump. After but three minutes, the Gold Rush was out in front 9-0. In three more minutes, the Catholics had forged ahead 12-2 and Tuskegee took her second time out.

When play was resumed, Xavier, with Frank (Blotto) Crozier, her senior captain and clutch man, hitting, pulled out in front 17-6 with but six and a half minutes left in the opening stanza.

Goals by Captain Wilson Smith, Leo Brinkley and Thomas Hornberger, along with four foul shots by the former and latter, produced eight points for the Golden Tigers and cut the Gold Rush margin to 21-14 at the half.

In the second period, Xavier played a slow breaking game to tantalize the charges of Coach Edward Adams and extend her lead to 31-21 with but seven and a half minutes to play.

It was at this point that Hornberger found himself and sank two field goals and two foul shots to put Tuskegee in the ball game at 31-27 when the clock showed but a minute and forty-five seconds to play. But a fast-breaking deuce by Lucius Thomas, 5-8 forward and free throw by Captain Frank Crozier, senior 6-2 1-2 forward, who, like Thomas, hails from Chicago, pushed the Gold Rush count to 34 and iced the game.

Xavier, with three seniors in her starting line up in the person of Crozier, Thomas, and Summers displayed the coolness of an iceberg. Crozier and Thomas with 12 and 11 points, respectively, sparked her attack. Wince King was nothing short of Houdini afloor, holding Hornberger to three goals aside from turning in a sensational all-court performance. Hornberger led Tuskegee's scoring with 11 points and Smith, who had 38 in two games before the Xavier battle, was held to but six.

Xavier gained the finals by chipping Lane 48-38, Morris Brown 39-31, and Clark 37-32. Tuskegee, after a first round bye, stopped Fisk 45-28 and Florida 48-44.

The tournament ran true to form, all seeded teams going to the semifinals and the No. 1 and No. 2 teams reaching the semifinals, with the first ranking outfit copping the honors.

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In the third place battle, Albert Henderson turned in his greatest game of the 1941 season and Captain Clarence Younger chipped in with his usual fine game to bag 21 and 12 points, respectively, and pace Clark to a dazzling victory. But Donald Braithwaite got the biggest ovation ever handed a tournament player here when he retired on four personals after a performance in which he moved like lightning, effected miraculous retrievals from taller men, and fed Henderson and Younger with unfailing genius.

Florida's best men were Lawrence Shadd, Harry Edmonds, and Alonzo James with 12, nine, and eight points, respectively.

Henderson's 21 points boosted his tournament total to 51 in three games and the highest point a game average in the meet, although Crozier bagged 63 in four battles.

The Georgia coaches defeated he Alabama coaches Saturday afternoon 30-25 in a great bit of entertaiment witnessed by nearly 1,000 cash customers.

LINE-UP

XAVIER (34)	TUSKEGEE (27)
Crozier (12)	Smith (6)
Thomas (11)	Brinkley (3)
King (3)	Hornberger (11)
Hall (1)	Perry (0)
Summers 4	Johnson (3)
Epps (0)	Porter (4)
Harris (1)	Culver (0)
E. Williams (2)	
O. Williams none.	

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Washington, D. C.

Your Stars And Mine

JAN 25 1941

By Joe Sewall

The town is teeming with excitement this week as throngs are here for the inauguration of Prexy Franklin D. ... With times as they are the ascension to the presidency of the U.S.A. is truly of greater importance than ever before ... that is since the inauguration of George Washington at a time this country was in its infancy and whether it would succeed or not was a matter of conjecture ... Big shots of the democratic political machine from all sections of the country are tramping the pavements of Washington right now and social events and entertainment for distinguished house guests are the order of the day ... The inaugural parade was not as colorful as others of former days, that, of course has its reason ... But, never-the-less there is plenty of excitement here abouts.

To digress from the doings of the President to something more or less down on our level this column has this to say concerning a situation that came to the attention of many readers of the white press some time last week.

You Can't Jim Crow Love

It was last week when a gang of copy appeared in the leading rags of the country giving we dark brethren a kick in the posterior. Most of this written vitriol was scribbled by Broadway columnists and was directed toward Negro musicians, sepians in general and worst of all Joe Louis.

Here's the gist of what they said: Walter Winchell mentioned that "Boston society would be shocked" if it knew about a last year's deb now living on Park Avenue, who is so desperately in love with a married colored musician.

Danton Walker hinted darkly that Joe Louis might find himself in the position of Jack Johnson in 1920-21 in incurring public disfavor for certain things he had been seen doing in Detroit.

Ed Sullivan talked about the white bandleader who was running around with a colored girl and who was "headed for a peck of trouble" by doing so.

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The Broadway writers took this to be great news and spread it across their sheets as if it were like some sparks that would start a conflagration that would rival the great Chicago fire. It would no doubt make those same writers crawl up into their shells as well as millions of readers from New York to Honolulu if Negro scribes took it upon themselves to record in print the number of white boxers, writers, erudites, musicians, laundry men, politicians et cetera have quiet but fervent desire for the darker meat. Their clandestine trystes and love rendezvouses would fill up volumes in contrast to the few inches printed when the situation was the other way around.

Naturally the great mass of Negroes resent Damon Walker's pungent projectile he threw at our heavyweight champion, Joe Louis. Those of us who have been close to Joe know that the opportunity isn't just presenting itself to Joe to be intimate or have relationships with white women. And we mean at a time when he was an eligible single man. Joe kept his barriers up against this white blitzkrieg because he had good reason to believe the best a woman could offer a man of his type he could find among his own race that offered everything from platium blondes with blue eyes to dazzling brunettes with skin a gorgeous tan.

No doubt, Walker was thinking about Jack Johnson who married a white woman, and straightway drew the wrath of public disfavor upon his brow. ... It has always been our belief that Johnson married that white woman because he loved her and she loved him, to the outside nordics the blending took on another aspect. They were thinking of other things in passing judgment on Johnson's marital choice. The great Frederick Douglass looked at the situation of choosing his life partner with the same liberal attitude. He just didn't believe in racial prejudice and hence saw no difference in marrying a white, black, yellow, or brown woman as long as she was the woman of his choice and she receiprocated his affections. ... The great abolitionist and leader married an ofay.

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Almost any Negro of any experience who has traveled about this country has at one tme or other needed a replica of the Walls of Jericho to keep some nordic woman in her place. That place being decided by the prudent males by virtue of the geographical location of the moment.

Love cares little or nothing about pigment; passion is monarch over all it surveys. As long as men and women breath and live on the same orb there will always be the blending of racial groups, casts and creeds. If you recall it is love that dominates over the strongest forces that men set up to keep certain types of people separated. The Broadway columnists shouldn't be so gullible that they should think it is startling news when some nordic gal is about to give up wealth and everything else for the sake of some Negro lover. There were a score of great white lovers in history but Othello the black Moor could hold his own with any of them. In regard to Joe Louis, the Bomber proved his choice at a time that many a pale face gel would get as limp as a dish rag admiring his beautiful formed body tinted by nature in the one color that they damn near burn themselves to death trying to get at Miami and countless other resorts. We have been around the rainbow as far as women are concerned and our conclusion along with a gang of other white gents is "We'll take our's in BROWN." A-men!

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Mc Daniel Defeats Cohen For 3rd Crown

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — (SNS) — Saturday afternoon here at Tuskegee Institute, as the National Tennis meet of the ATA came to an end, Jimmie McDaniels again retained his national crown by defeating his doubles partner, Richard Cohen, 6-2, 4-3, 3-6, 6-4.

McDaniels has won the national championship for three successive years and will take home with him two 3-leg trophies, the ATA trophy and the 800 dollar James H. Williams trophy. The three-leg trophies are the Bill Robinson trophy and the J. W. Willis trophy presented to the ATA in 1936. The Williams trophy is never won but is held for one year by the school that the champion represents.

In the men's double, McDaniels and Cohen teamed to defeat H. Minnis and C. Russell of Tuskegee Institute 8-6, 4-6, 8-6, 6-3.

Mrs. Lomax, former national women's champion from Detroit, defeated Miss K. Jones of Tuskegee Institute 7-5, 6-1.

In the women's doubles, the Peters sisters of Tuskegee defeated Doris Hatchett of Tillotson College and Mrs. F. Gittens of New York, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The Junior single crown was won by Raymond Jackson of New York, over Richard Cunningham, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. In the Junior doubles Cunningham teamed with Jack Points to defeat Quinton Vaughn and Jackson, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Thelma McDaniels, last year's runner-up, of Tuskegee Institute, defeated Miss Gloria Downing 6-4, 6-3.

In the boys' singles J. D. Rhodes, of Orangeburg, S. C., defeated George Bulls, of Tuskegee, 6-0, 6-0.

The veteran's singles crown was won for the second straight year by John B. Garrett of Tuskegee over C. W. Lewis of Prairie View, Texas. Garrett won the first set 6-2 and Lewis retired after the third game of the second set.

Harold (School Boy) Mitchell and E. Thornton of California, defeated C. Hunter and Miss L. E. Spencer 6-4, 6-1.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Flora Lomax Wins Women's Tennis Crown

Special to Journal and Guide

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —Leading woman player on the roster of the American Tennis Association for 1941 is Flora Lomax, that trim little Detroit housewife in final rounds, Saturday afternoon of the association's 25th annual tournament she defeated Katherine Jones, Tuskegee, by scores of 7-5, 6-1, to regain the national singles title which she held in 1938 and 1939.

As indicated by the score, Miss Jones, a promising player, wilted badly in the second set after giving the champion a stiff uphill battle. She was a finalist in 1937 against Ora Washington and also against Agnes Lawson in 1940. Each time the championship eluded her. Mrs. Lawson, last year's titlist, was eliminated from this year's tournament in a mid-week upset by Carrie Bell Scott, Los Angeles player.

Other ATA champions crowned last week were as follows: Junior Champion Richard Cunningham of Cleveland. He defeated Raymond Jackson, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. Boys' champion: John D. Rhodes, Jr., Orangeburg, S. C. He won from George Bulls, Tuskegee, 6-0, 6-0. Girls champion: Thelma McDaniels, Tuskegee, who vanquished Gloria Downing of Roanoke, Va., 6-4, 6-3. Mixed doubles: Eoline Thornton and Howard Mitchell of Los Angeles. They were visitors over Lillian E. Spencer, Jacksonville, Fla., and Clarence W. Hunt, Detroit, 6-4, 6-1.

Veterans singles: Dr. John B. Garrett, Tuskegee, who outstayed Charles Lewis of Prairie View, Texas, 6-1, 2-1. Lewis retired because of exhaustion.

Women's doubles: Margaret and Roumania Peters retained their team title by defeating Celestean Hatchett, of Tillotson College, Texas, and Mrs. Frances Gitten of Brooklyn, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Game Is Friday, Oct. 10

By R. S. DARNABY

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Chicago Game October 10

Wilberforce and Tuskegee have been playing annually in Chicago since 1929, except in the years 1932 and 1937, when the teams did not meet. As is the custom, the game this year will be played at Soldier Field, located on Chicago's beautiful lake front, at 8:30 o'clock Friday night, Oct. 10, and again will be filling a definite place in the city's sports program.

The week of October 5 to 12 has been proclaimed by Edward J. Kelly, mayor of Chicago, as South-side Sports week and he has urged all citizens to cooperate and, whenever possible to attend the various entertainments for this week. The Tuskegee-Wilberforce football game is the outstanding attraction on the sports calendar and will attract, as in former years, sports fans from all sections of the country. The teams are again evenly matched. Last year Wilberforce defeated Tuskegee 14 to 12.

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Lincoln at Tuskegee

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Clubs Sponsor Tuskegee and 'Force Game

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This is the first time such an effort has been put forth," Col Robinson, "and it is very gratifying to note the magnificent spirit that is being manifested in getting members of the Tuskegee Alumni to take more interest in the game and give financial support to it.

Detroit, Gary, Cleveland, Rockford, Tuskegee, Montgomery Birmingham, Atlanta, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Louisville New York, Washington, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City and Evansville have indicated participation in the movement.

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The first ticket to the big game was purchased by Rufus Sampson, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, who is a successful Chicago attorney. For the past several years Attorney Sampson has been the first customer and he always sit on the first row on the 50-yard line.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Downs Lincoln, 14 To 6

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Nov. 15.—The Tuskegee Golden Tigers climaxed a gala homecoming celebration here today by defeating Lincoln University of Chester, Penn., by the score of 14-6 before a crowd of approximately 3,000 rabid fans who gathered here in Alumni Bowl to witness the fourth clash between the two schools since athletic relationships were inaugurated in 1926.

The game was an offensive show between two virtually evenly-matched and well-coached elevens which constantly kept the spectators on their feet with dazzling antics.

Tuskegee scored late in the second quarter after having muffed a golden opportunity when an 88-yard drive bogged down on Lincoln's 9-yard line where the Lions took possession of the ball on downs. Lincoln got a short punt to the Lincoln's 31-yard where Robinson uncorked a 22-yard pass to Ivey who raced the remaining 9 yards to score standing up. Robinson added the extra point to give Tuskegee a 7-0 lead at the end of the first half.

Lincoln terminated a 65-yard drive, which began in the third quarter, early in the fourth period when Boyle raced 9 yards on an end around play to score standing up. The attempted conversion was wide and Tuskegee led 7-6.

Late in the fourth period Sawyer broke loose on a sensational 70-yard gallop to score standing up. Robinson added the extra point.

In the waning minutes of the game Tuskegee drove deep into Lincoln's territory only to have the timers gun blot out the scoring chance with the score standing Tuskegee 14, Lincoln 6. Tuskegee gained 279 yards rushing, 107 yards passing, and garnered 14 first downs while Lincoln netted 203 yards rushing, 112 yards via passes and tallied 13 first downs.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

ATA Releases Entry Blanks For National Tourney In Tuskegee

By J. D. McGHEE

ORANGEBURG, S.C.—(S N S)—The official entry blank and executive bulletin of the American Tennis Associaiton which was released by Executive Secretary Bertram L. Baker, New York City, gave a complete and pertinent information concerning the gala Jubilee anniversary to be celebrated at Tuskegee Institute, August 18-23.

Defending titleholders and club members in every section of the United States received the official information announcing the ten big events on the program to be played at the 25th annual National Championships.

MANY MEETS THIS YEAR

Reports from major tournaments which have been played and are now underway indicate a battle royal will be witness by vacationists and tennis lovers who will come to the anniversary where East, West and North will make a determined fight to wrest the championships from the Southern representatives who dominate the field.

This challenge to the defending champions who represent many of the Southern Colleges and Schools will make the ten events the most interesting in the history of the American Tennis Association.

HOST OF CHAMPIONS

A review of the 1940 National Champions presets the following for the 10 events listed: The coveted men's single championship is defended by Jimmie McDaniel, Xavier University, New Orleans, sensational representative.

In women singles, Mrs. Agnes Lawson, Prairie View, Texas, representative is the stalwart defender. John B. Garrett, Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala., is the veteran singles defending champion. Joseph King Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Ga., was last year's junior singles champion but leaves this championship this year because he has passed the age limit for this event. Charles W. Lewis Jr., Prairie View, Texas, is last year's boys singles champion and should defend this title unless he has passed the age limit. Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee Institutee, is last year's girls singles champion. This may not be defended this year by the famous Tuskegee star if she has passed the age limit. In men's doubles, two scintillating stars from Tuskegee Institute, Howard Minnis and Clifford Russell, will be defending champions.

WOMEN STARS

The Peters sisters, Margaret and Roumania, perennial women doubles champions and Tuskegee Institute representatives, will defend their crowns. The mixed doubles defending champions are a pair hailing from the mid-west, Mrs. Flora Lomax, Detroit, Mich., and W. H. Hall, Louisville, Ky. These worthy representatives will compete against a host of new comers. In the final event listed for the Jubilee entry, two young Southern stars, Robert Ashford, Columbia, S.C., and Roland McDaniel, Richmond, Vr., are the defending champions in the junior doubles.

Not listed on the official entry blank but a big feature of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary is the Intercollegiate Championship now Southern Intercollegiate Conference defended by Jimmie McDaniel, ence representative.

Competition in all events listed for the 25th anniversary program will be the keenest in the history of the American Tennis Association and will attract many new-comers which will make the gala celebration an epoch of progress in tennis for the pioneers who have watched its advancement in the American Tennis Association.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Tuskegee Tennis Players Enter New York Tournament

Participating For First Time

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Tuskegee's famous tennis troop will invade New York to take part in the Silver Jubilee Tournament of the New York Tennis Association. The Twenty-fifth anniversary championships will be played on the Cosmopolitan Courts, New York City, August 4th to 10th inclusive. This will mark the first time that Tuskegee players have taken part in the New York open.

Players making the trip are: Clifford H. Russell and Howard Minnis, National Doubles Champions; Roumania Peters and Margaret Peters, National Women's Doubles Champions; Thelma McDaniels runner-up last year at Wilberforce in girls' singles; Mayme Stanley, Nationally ranked player; Mrs. Cleve L. Abbott and Mrs. Russell Brown, famous doubles team, and John B. Garrett, National Veterans Champion for the last two years.

Jimmie McDaniel of Xavier University has had his hardest matches this year with the young men of Tuskegee. He defeated Clifford Russell in the Xavier University Intercollegiate only after the hardest sort of 5 set matches. McDaniel was trailing two sets down and 2-4 in the third set when Russell wilted.

In the South Carolina championships Howard Minnis had McDaniels hanging on the ropes in their semi-final match only to see McDaniel snap back and take the match after 5 epic sets.

The Tuskegee tennis squad will leave the Institute Thursday, July 31 and will reach New York City, Saturday, August 2. Enroute the players will stop at Greensboro, North Carolina, and Washington, D. C., and at each place will be entertained by members of the Tuskegee club. The New York-Tuskegee Club will also entertain in honor of the members of the team.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

HIGHLIGHTS NAT'L TENNIS TOURNEY

TUSKEGEE, INST., Ala—An additional highlight to the Silver Jubilee Tournament of the American Tennis Association which will be held here August 18-23, inclusive, will be the appearance of Charles E. Hare (shown above), famous British internationalist who will give a tennis demonstration Thursday afternoon, August 21. Hare defeated Fred Perry in 1935 and has since represented Great Britain in international matches against Scotland, Wales, France, Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian countries. He was a member of the British Davis Cup Team in 1937, 1938 and 1939.

He will be accompanied to Tuskegee from Louisville, Ky., by the president of the Southern Lawn Tennis Association.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Ivey, Robinson And Sams Top Stars In Tuskegee Victory

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute defeated Xavier University of New Orleans here Saturday afternoon in the Alumni Bowl by a decisive score of 25 to 6 in the opening football game of the season. More than three thousand spectators saw the Tigers score twice in the third and fourth quarters.

The lone tally for Xavier came at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Neither team was able to score during the first half but shortly after the beginning of the second half, Tuskegee took possession of the ball near midfield.

A tricky forward pass, Robinson to Ivey, was good for twelve yards and the fleet Tuskegee end zig-zagged his way fifty yards for the initial touchdown of the afternoon. His try for the extra point was low. Shortly after this, Head, Tuskegee back, returned a Xavier punt forty-three yards, placing the ball on the enemy's nineteen yard marker where Sams picked up the remaining distance on the first play for the second touchdown. Ivey's place kick was good and the score was at 13 to 0.

Tuskegee scored twice in the fourth quarter when Robinson threw a fifteen yard pass to Sams who ran the remaining thirty-eight yards for the third touchdown. Ivey's place kick was low. On an exchange of punts, aided by a penalty, Tuskegee took possession of the ball on Xavier's eighteen yard line from which point Robinson went over in two plays for the final touchdown for Tuskegee.

Xavier's lone touchdown came at the beginning of the fourth quarter when the Gold Rush worked the ball to Tuskegee's thirty-five yard line. A pass from Pryor to O. Williams was good for twelve yards and the Xavier end ran the remaining distance for the touchdown. Rogers' drop kick was low of the mark.

The heavy Xavier team showed up well at passing and presented an array of fast backs in Revere, Rogers, Smith and Pryor. Tuskegee's line played stellar ball and outstanding backs were Sams, Head, Robinson and Sawyer. Ivey played a good game at end and also on the receiving line. The final score was Tuskegee 25, Xavier 6. During intermission, the crack Tuskegee Band, under the direction of Capt. Frank L. Drye, paraded the field and played songs of both schools to the cheering of thousands of fans.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Rallies To Win

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COLUMBUS, Ga. — Tuskegee's Golden Tigers hit the comeback trail with a bang in the fourth period here Friday night, turning upon their Morehouse adversaries with tremendous power for two unrelenting touchdown drives that gave them a 20-7 conquest before 12,000 fans at Memorial stadium.

Trailing 7 to 6 at the half and at the end of the third quarter, the Crimson and Gold clad warriors rallied in the fourth period. Morehouse had cashed in on two breaks—a blocked punt, and a pass ruled complete on interference—for their touchdown and had made the extra point to assume the lead.

Sawyer Stars

Arthur Sawyer, who hails from Tuscaloosa, Ala., was the hero of the occasion as far as Tuskegee was concerned. Sawyer sparked the Golden Tigers' first touchdown march and then it was his brilliant stepping which helped put Tuskegee back into the game in the fourth period. Although all Tuskegee's scoring was done by others, it was Sawyer who figured most prominently in paving the way.

Tuskegee showed the superior team most of the way—but was a victim of bad breaks—and it looked for a long time as if they were doomed to lose. However, their resurgent fourth quarter showing put them back into the good graces. Tuskegee got 16 first downs and rolled up 172 yards rushing net, while Morehouse rang up five first downs and picked up 75 yards net rushing. Morehouse held a sharp punting edge.

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Tuskege started off fast rolling from their own 32-yard stripe for their first touchdown. Sawyer was in on nearly every play on the drive which netted five straight first downs before Robinson passed to Perry for the touchdown. The try for the extra point was low.

The Atlantans were not to be denied, however. Shortly after the second quarter started Robinson's punt was blocked by Miller and recovered by Morehouse at Tuskegee's 20. A third down pass from Simmons to Haines was ruled complete at Tuskegee's 1 on grounds that Sams interfered with the receiver. On a fake reverse Captain Leon Elam crashed off tackle for the score. Haines sent the placement sailing through the upright for the 7 to 0 lead.

Game Rocks Along

The contest rocked along with neither team able to crash scoring dirt again until Tuskegee's last quarter comeback. Tuskegee marched from her own 20 for the second touchdown after Morehouse's field goal attempt failed.

A 28-yard pass from Robinson to Ivey and another aerial of 12 yards from Robinson to Sawyer figured largely in the surge. Sams' 15-yard spurt off right tackle also was a standout as was Sawyer's 10-yard jaunt which came two plays before the score at the 4. Robinson finally cracked the line from the 1 for the lead. Robinson also made the placement to give Tuskegee a 13-7 lead.

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Tuskegee took complete charge of the field from that point on and ranged 68 yards for the final tally with Sams, Sawyer, and Robinson starring. Sams scooted around right end from the 19-yard line for the score. Robinson again converted to give Tuskegee a 20-7 lead.

The patriotic motif reigned supreme at intermission. Tuskegee's gaudily attired band marched up the field with all stadium lights off. Members of the band wore trimmings of red, white and blue lights.

After forming a "T" and playing "The Tuskegee Song" they moved into position to spell out the letters "U. S." and played "God Bless America."

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Perry	LE	Jenkins
Carter	LT	Irving
Stewart (c)	LG	Smith
Bowman	C	Miller
Bolden	RG	Townsend
Brown	RT	Parsons
Ivey	RE	Haines
Robinson	QB	Simmons
Sams	LH	Washington
Sawyer	RH	Hill
Van Cleve	FB	Elam (c)

Scoring: Tuskegee: Touchdowns—Perry, Sawyer, Robinson, Sams. Point after—Robinson (2). Morehouse: Touchdowns—Elam. Points after—Haines.

Substitutions: Tuskegee—Fuller, Head, Hornburger, Porter, Long, Shaw, Head, Anderson, Smiley, O'Rourke, James, Fyles, Leftwich. Morehouse—Lester, Smith, Williams, King, Bush, Beech, Jones.

Officials: G. H. Lennon (Bluefield), referee; B. T. Fowkles (Atlanta U.), umpire; John Martin (Ala. State Teachers college), head linesman; E. E. Farley (Morehouse), field judge.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Tuskegee Beats Hot Benedict Clan 20-2

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By R. S. DARNABY

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee defeated Benedict College of Columbia, South Carolina here this afternoon in the Alumni Bowl by a score of 20 to 2. Fresh from their decisive 26-7 victory over Wilberforce in Chicago the past Friday, the Tigers, getting off to a slow start, finally mixed speed and deception in rolling up 19 first downs as against six for the visitors.

Completing ten of their 18 passes, the Tigers scored once in the second quarter and twice in the third quarter as Ivey converted two of the extra points from placement. The Benedict tally came near the end of the second quarter when a Tuskegee pass was knocked down in the end zone for an automatic safety. The half ended Tuskegee 7, Benedict 2.

Alternating long and short passes with the famous "T" formation, the Tuskegee Tigers made two touchdowns in quick succession in the third quarter. Halfback Sams who had previously made the first score for Tuskegee was also responsible for the second marker when he took a fifteen yard pass from Robinson and skirted Benedict's left end for a touchdown. Smiley made the third and final touchdown for Tuskegee when a series of end runs and passes carried the ball to Benedict's ten yard line from which point he smashed through the center of the line for the touchdown.

The backfield combination of Leake, Fields, Jenkins and Sheats for Benedict late in the second quarter alternated the ball to Tuskegee's fifteen yard line but the ball went over on fourth down when the Benedicts were unable to make the necessary yardage. Here Tuskegee attempted one of its many passes but the ball was knocked in the end zone which accounted for the lone tally for Benedict on an automatic safety.

The Tuskegee line was outstanding and the array of backs presented by Coach Abbott proved to be the undergoing of Benedict. Jenkins was the best ground gainer for the visitors. The crack Tuskegee Institute band paraded the field during the half and played songs of both schools.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Bowls Over Hampton Quint, 56-42

FEB 8 1941

By SHAKEY STUART

HAMPTON, Va.—Displaying almost flawless basketball, the Tuskegee Tigers defeated the Hampton Institute cagers by the score of 56 to 42 Wednesday night, January 29, on the Hampton court.

Wilson Smith, star Tuskegee forword of Kansas City, Kansas, drew first blood with a one-hand shot from the side court to start the Tiger rally. He scored a total of 22 points, 16 of whch were made in the first half, and earned top scoring honors for the game. At the half Tuskegee led 26 to 19.

Coming back in the second half, the Pirates put on a scoring spree that cut Tuskegee's lead. This was short-lived as "Slim" Hornberger, Tuskegee center who looks more like a gridder than a basketeer, started a rally which definitely established the visitors' superiority.

With five minutes left to play, the Tigers put on a show. They "froze" the ball without letting a Hampton man touch it. Adding insult to injury, Lee Brinkley, Tuskegee forward from Booker T. Washington high in Tulsa, Oklahoma, purposely dribbled in and shot a basket for Hampton.

Starring for Hampton in defeat were Howard Allen of Englewood, N. J. and Jules Jackson of Montgomery, W. Va. who scored 18 and 14 points respectively.

Hampton (42)	B	F	P	Tuskegee (56)	B	F	P
Allen,f	8	2	4	Smith,f	11	0	8
Dismond,f	0	0	0	Robinson,f	0	0	0
Phillips,f	0	0	0	Brinkley,f	3	1	3
Thompson,f	2	3	2	Culver,f	1	0	0
Watts,c	1	0	1	Hornberger,c	5	4	4
Jackson,g	7	0	2	Porter,c	2	1	1
Saunders,g	0	1	3	Dickens,g	1	1	2
Pinn,g	0	0	2	Shaw,g	0	0	0
Sells,g	0	0	0	Perry,g	1	1	1
Shuford,g	0	0	1	Johnson,g	0	0	0
Mann,g	0	0	0				

Referee, Hoster (Franklin and Marshall); umpire, Taylor (Hampton).

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

Tuskegee Tigers End N. C. Eagles' Glory March 45-33

FEB 1 1941

By A. M. RIVERA, JR.

It's a tale told of a game full of sound, fury and finesse.

The more than a-point-a-minute record established by the North Carolina Eagles in their last three starts was abruptly and decively ended Monday night when the Tuskegee Tigers ended their glory march 45-33.

The Eagles opened the door to admit a house cat and became a little disconcerted when a full grown tiger stalked in — in fact, five tigers.

A capacity crowd was kept constantly in a state of bedlam as the Eagles and Tigers fought doggedly in a thrill-a-minute sizzling first half. During this stanza the Oracle of Delphi could not have chosen the victor as the pendulum of victory oscillated first to host and then to guest. Outstanding in this frame was the defensive and offensive play of Norbert Downing, six-foot, eleven inch guard, and Reginald Ennis, crafty forward for the Eagles. In the closing minutes of this period the Tigers gave a demonstration of man made lightning that netted them a six-point lead. The score at intermission was 22-16.

Early in the second half it became painfully evident to local supporters that the flight of the Eagles had been impaired by the sharp shooting of the visitors. The brilliant floor game of the guests was no aid to the deflated morale of the hosts.

In this never--a-dull-moment contest, Walter Warmnick, flashy Eagle forward, and John Brown, freshman standout, looked good. Colbert, all C.I.A.A. center, accounted for 8 of his team's points.

Smith, lanky Tiger forward, who rang up 18 points for individual honors, was aided and abetted in the assult by Hornburger who placed with 10 points.

In the closing minutes of the contest as the students were begging for a victory and the crowd in a state of incoherent uproar, the Tuskegee five staged an extravangaza of ball handling and passing known to enthusiasts of the game as "freezing" that will long remain in the memory of local cage fans.

Then there was the human side of the contests that loomed around the coaching staffs. In the first place Eddie Adams, new at Tuskegee, was formerly head mentor at North Carolina College for Negroes. In the main the rivalry centered around the fact that Adams and Johnny McLendon were school mates at Iowa State where both made enviable records.

Tuskegee Girls Trim Talladega

FEB 1 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The Talladega girls' basketball team was defeated here Saturday afternoon, 22 to 10. Ruth Walker scored nine points for Talladega and Lucy Dillars's tally was gained by a gift shot. Tuskegee's 22 points were well distributed.

Margaret Barnes topped the list with nine markers. Jewel Handy looped two field goals and scored on a penalty shot.

Tuskegee (22)	B	F	P	Talladega (10)	B	F	P
Hutchinson,f	1	0	2	Walker,f	2	5	9
Hockenhull,f	1	0	2	Thomas,f	0	0	0
Barnes,c	4	1	9	Brown,c	0	0	0
Handy,c	2	1	5	Dillard,g	0	1	1
Long,g	1	0	2	Jones,g	0	0	0
M.Peters,g	1	0	2				

Officials: Leroy Easterly (Wilberforce), referee; C. Johnson Dunn (Morehouse), umpire.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Abbott Sees Faster Game And Relief for Officials

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Two important factors in the new 1941 football rules changes will be a speeding up of the game and in some respects will make it easier on the officials, Coach Cleve L. Abbott, of Tuskegee told coaches and officials of the local association recently.

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In discussing the new rules Coach Abbott also said he thought the public probably would have a chance to see how good some of the coaches can quarterback because the new substitution rule will give them frequent opportunities to send in information.

NO RADICAL CHANGE

However, contrary to opinion expressed by some coaches, Coach Abbott said, there will not be a stream of substitutes going in and coming out of the game; as it is believed the rule covering when a substitute may enter the game has not been changed.

This rule is that substitutions may be made without penalty only when time is out an dthe time is not necessary out after each play when the ball is declared dead by the referee.

"A review of the past football season," was the topic for discussion. Particularly interesting were the "Oddities of the Past Season," such as the fifth down, illegal substitution and the lights in a park going out just as a player was galloping down the field for a touchdown, which were discussed by Coach Abbott.

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COLOR ANGLES

Band, majoriettes, baton twirlers, herald trumpeters and other features which add to the color of a football game were discussed and praised for the important part they play in this particular sport.

The association was organized in 1927 by Coach Abbott as president, and Capt. R. S. Darnaby, secretary. The organization has met each week during the regular football playing season for a discussion and an interpretation of the rules.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Passers Upset Ala. State In Exciting Battle

FEB 8 1941

Staging a stirring second half spurt, the Tuskegee Tigers walloped Alabama State's Hornets in an exciting battle at the Hornet Gymnasium last night before nearly 2,500 spectators, 46-34.

Clark's foul shot opened the scoring for the Hornets after three minutes of scoreless playing and the lead rocked back and forth as both teams settled down to work before a capacity crowd of nearly 2,500 screaming fans.

The Hornets enjoyed a 11-5 lead about midway the first half but Tuskegee rallied to close the gap and take the lead with five minutes remaining in the first half, never to be headed again. The half-time score was 22-19. The second half found the Hornets striving desperately to hang on, but several lapses in their defense allowed the Tigers to break through for easy shots which put them out in front.

Farrell and Clark scored 11 points each to lead the Hornet scoring and Smith chalked up 16 for the best individual scoring for Tuskegee. The Hornets made three out of 10 foul shots and the Tigers cashed 4 out of 7.

In the preliminary, the Grasscutters of the Bama State Junior nosed out the Tuskegee Junior High outfit, 17-16.

Tonight the undefeated Senior High boys of Bama State will try their skill against the Interurban Heights High team from Birmingham. Girls of the two schools will play an opening game which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Alabama State (34)	B.	F.	P.	TP.
Farrell, forward	5	1	1	11
Jones, forward	0	0	0	0
Bankhead, forward	3	0	0	6
Underwood, forward	0	0	0	0
Clark, center	5	1	1	11
Griggs, center	0	0	0	0
Breedlove, guard	1	2	2	4
Sullinger, guard	1	0	2	2
Totals	15	4	6	34

Tuskegee (46)	B.	F.	P.	TP.
Smith, forward	8	0	1	16
Culver, forward	0	0	0	0
Brinkley, forward	4	1	1	9
Shaw, forward	0	0	0	0
Hornburger, center	4	2	3	10
Porter, center	2	0	0	4
Perry, guard	2	1	2	5
Johnson, guard	1	0	1	2
Totals	21	4	8	46

Referee: B. T. Harvey (Colgate).
Umpire: W. Frazier (Ala. A. & M.)

Morgan to Play Tuskegee Cagers

Afro — Baltimore — Md. FEB 7 1941

FEB 7 1941 BALTIMORE

With mid-term examinations out of the way, Morgan State College's cage quintet will swing back into the CIAA court race, Friday night, by entertaining Howard University's Bison five, then engage Tuskegee Institute of Tuskegee, Ala., in an intersectional clash on Saturday night.

Both games are scheduled for the New Albert Auditorium floor and loom as the toughest week-end schedule the Bears will be called upon to face this season.

The Bears have already beaten the Bisons once this season on the latter's home floor and anticipate no great amount of trouble in Friday night's battle, although they must hustle to keep the Bisons down. However, Saturday's tussle has caused many sleepless nights for Coaches Eddie Hurt and Talmadge (Marse) Hill.

Tigers Strong

Afro - Baltimore

The invasion of the Tigers will mark the first time in the history of the two schools that Tuskegee and Morgan have engaged in inter-school competition in any sport. Teams representing the two schools have participated in the same track and field meet, like the Penn Relays, etc., but the two institutions have never faced each other in an intercollegiate contest.

Tuskegee has a strong cage quintet this year and only two weeks ago barely lost to Union's CIAA championship team by two points. The Tigers are now touring the conference schools and will play North Carolina State, Hampton and Union en route to Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md.

Defeat Alumni

In the return game with the Morgan Varsity M Club, Friday night, the Bears triumphed by a 40-30 score. After trailing the rejuvenated Alumni quint at one time by a 18-9 count, and being behind at half-time by an 18-13 score, the Bears began to find the cords with increasing accuracy and soon took command of the situation.

Bill Lockwood, Alumni forward, was the big gun for the Varsity Club, sinking four straight field goals in the early part of the contest and leading the old grads with a nine-point total. The game was the last for Lockwood in the city for sometime, as he is scheduled to join Uncle Sam's military brigade soon.

Cain High Scorer

Bill Cain, lanky center, topped the Morgan scorers with 10 points, with Deuce Gibson pushing him with eight. Morgan registered 14 out of 23 foul attempts, while the grads made good on 12 out of 17 tries.

The line-ups:

MORGAN (40)	G.	F.	P.	ALUMNI (30)	G.	F.	P.
Garrison,f	2	2	6	Lockwood,f	4	1	9
Gibson,f	2	4	8	Clark,f	0	2	2
Givens,f	0	0	1	Spencer,f	1	2	4
Staten,f	0	0	0	Troupe,f	0	0	0
Cain,c	4	2	10	Holley,c	1	3	5
Waters,c	0	0	0	Jones,g	1	2	4
Mosley,c	1	0	2	Wheatley,g	2	2	6
H'tchins'n,g	0	0	0	Sowell,g	0	0	0
Smith,g	1	4	6	Williams,g	0	0	0
Dixon,g	2	1	5	Woods,g	0	0	0
Watkins,g	1	0	2				
Gittens,g	0	0	0				
Thomas,g	0	0	0				
Totals	13	14	40	Totals	9	12	30

Referee: Dr. Gladden.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Union 64 Tuskegee 52

FEB 6 1941

RICHMOND, Va.—Coming from behind in the last half, the fighting Virginia Union Panthers downed the Tuskegee Institute Golden Tigers, runners-up in the SIAC conference last year, 64-53, last Friday night at the Community Gymn here to cop their 10th victory of the season. Coach Adams' Tigers led 28-25 at the half.

Two Tuskegee players were banished on four personal fouls. Tom Hornberger who had swished 5 field goals, was sent out at the opening of the second half and Charlie Perry, guard, was benched just before the first half ended for the same reasons.

The Golden Tigers, with an aggressive passing attack, fired the first charge when Charlie Perry hooked a one-hander from the side. Kavanzo Hyde looped a field goal for Union to even the count. Brinkley, Hornberger, and Dickens fired again for the visitors and the fighting Panthers, for the first time this year, were behind by more than 5 points on their home court. Tuskegee [FEB 6] 4-

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Hyde Hits Rim

With Mel Glover and Hyde hitting, the Panthers threatened but the Tuskegee cagers kept their stride with Hornberger, Brinkley and Smith tallying with beautiful one-handers thrown either on the fore or back court. The Panthers pulled to a 24-24 deadlock but the Tigers rang up four points to hold a 28-25 lead at half-time.

The Panthers grabbed the lead at the start of the second frame as Glover made good two foul throws and Obie Knighton shot a long field goal from center court. Hornberger was banished from the game after knotting the score at [FEB 6] with a successful foul attempt.

Lead Changes

Back and forth the lead changed as the two teams fought it out before a shouting, excited crowd. Twice the teams evened the score but with Union holding a slim 37-36 lead, the lethal blow was struck. Buc's boys, rifling the ball around and whipping it into the pivot spot, momentarily caught the visitors off guard, to take a 44-38 lead with nine minutes to go. Coach Adams' basketeers met the challenge with brilliant spin shots by Wilson Smith but the threat was not enough. Union pulled off to a comfortable spot in front of the highly touted Tigers.

The Panthers play Morgan College of Baltimore, Md. here Friday in a CIAA conference fray.

UNION	G	F	P	TUSKEGEE INST.	G	F	P
Blair, f	3	0	6	Smith, f	6	3	15
Hyde, f	1	2	4	Culver,	0	0	0
Burton, f	0	1	1	Brinkley, f	4	0	8
Irvin, c	0	0	0	Robinson	0	0	0
Knighton, c	8	5	21	Hornberger, c	5	1	11
Culberson, g	0	2	2	Porter, g	2	0	4
Davis, g	5	1	11	Dickens, g	4	0	8
Glover, g	5	3	9	Shaw	0	0	0
Daughtry	4	2	10	Perry	1	0	2
				Johnson	2	1	5
Totals	24	16	64	Totals	24	5	53

Referee: Sam Lacy.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Tuskegee Downs Fisk Of Nashville By 45 To 28 Tally

MAR 1 1941

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

TUSKEGEE, Ala. Feb. 27—(AP)—Tuskegee Institute defeated Fisk of Nashville, 45 to 28, Thursday night in the second round of the eighth basketball tournament of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Fisk had entered the second round by defeating Knoxville College, 35 to 36. Tuskegee had drawn a bye.

Xavier of New Orleans romped over Lane, 48 to 38, in the opening game of the first round. Other first round scores:

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South Carolina State 45, Talladega (Ala.) 35.

Morris Brown 48, Moorehouse 31.

Florida 40, Alabama State 31.

Clark 56, Benedict 36.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Xavier Is Favored In Southern Meet

FEB 28 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — (AP) — Undefeated in regular season or tournament play, Xavier University ruled as favorite Friday and four stellar teams awaited Friday night's semi-finals of the eighth basket ball tournament of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The New Orleans sharpshooters went into the semi-finals by defeating Morris Brown, 39-31, after eliminating Lane by a 48-38 score in the first round. Friday night they play Clark, which defeated Benedict of South Carolina, 56-36, after both drew byes.

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In the other semi-final contest, Tuskegee meets Florida. Tuskegee drew a bye in the first round, then downed Fisk by a 45-28 score. Florida eliminated Alabama State, 40 to 31, then rolled over South Carolina State, 55-51, to win a favored position.

The Tuskegee-Florida game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Clark and Xavier meet at 8 p.m. The championship game will be played Saturday night.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Tuskegee Bows To Catholics

4,000 Cheering Fans Witness Cage Tournament

MAR 2 - 1941

A colorful Xavier University basketball team breezed through a fighting Tuskegee five at Tuskegee Saturday night to win the SIAC cage title. The score was 34-27.

A crowd of 4,000 cheering fans witnessed the thrilling event.

Clark University of Atlanta came in for third place honors by defeating Florida, 43-37. Clark was leading at half time, 23-16.

Those boys from New Orleans were cool from start to finish while the charges of Tuskegee were erratic at times.

(See Sports Editor Lucius Jones' account of games on sports page for complete details.)

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Clark Sets Up Defense To Choke Hornburger

By JAY [illegible]RINGTON JAN 9 1941

Tuskegee Institute, already holding one conference victory to date by virtue of a 32-31 triumph over a fine Fisk team, comes to Atlanta jubilant over her chances of upsetting the mighty basketball domain of Clark University Saturday night at Sunset Casino, when the two conference foes lock horns in deadly combat. This game will be an outstanding feature of the season as both are highly rated in the 1941 championship fight.

Out on the South Atlanta Hills, Coach Robinson laments the fact that his youngsters have not had enough early action to assure victory over Tuskegee at this early date. He believes a good stiff game will give his men the necessary work needed to put them at a peak form.

TUSKEGEE VERSATILE

With the combination of Smith and Brinkley at the forwards; Hornburger at Center; and Porter and Perry at guard, the Golden Tigers have a quintet that boasts lightning-like floor work and great passing and shooting. Hornburger, of course, is the ace of their attack, but such good men as G. Robinson, Briggs, Culver, Dickens, and Johnson can be depended on to bring up the reserves without weaking the team.

It is almost a certainty that Coach Robinson will bank on his newly formed combination of Henderson, Jacox, Braithwaite, Younger and Ernest White to start this contest. Coates, one of the members of this sensational quintet, may be held on the sidelines to get a slant on the Tigers before going in, or he may start the game. It will be a wonder all year just whom Coach Robinson will start until his men are seen on the floor. There are so many good men who handle the ball like professionals, we have dubbed them "Little Rens."

DANCE TO FOLLOW GAME

The one and only Levi Mann of Top Hat fame, will be the feature attraction after the game when he swings out for the jitterbugs, with his Ambassadors.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Union Panthers Trip Tuskegee

JAN 1 1 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —In a game that sparkled with brilliance and excitement all the way, Tuskegee was beaten, 44-42, by the Virginia Union basketball team, champions of the CIAA, before a packed house in Logan Hall here Saturday afternoon.

Both teams played like champions and yielded little during the melee so there was never a marked difference in the score during the entire game. Tuskegee led 25-24 at the half.

Davis, playing a remarkably good game for the Virginia team, accounted for 13 points from the field and 5 via the gift zone route, was the high scorer of the afternoon. He topped Blair, his teammate, by one marker, who sank 5 from the floor and 2 from the charity line.

Tuskegee presented a much improved team and was leading Virginia Union by two points, but the defense leaked on a jump ball and Union's lanky forward tipped the ball deep into Tuskegee territory to Knighton, the elongated center of the opposition who dribbled through to win the game.

Smith, Brinkley, Hornburger and Culver were the ranking scorers for the Golden Quintmen.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Tuskegee Cagers Eke Out Win Over Fisk

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —Tuskegee's golden quint barely nosed out Fisk University in a thrilling season opening basketball game in Logan Hall here Friday night, 32-JAN 1 1 1941

The top scoring for the evening was done by Ridley, who sank seven field goals for a total of 14 points. He failed, however, to tie the count 32-all when Tuskegee fouled Fisk in a mad scramble for a loose ball in the final seconds of play.

Smith and Hornburger led the Tiger attack with nine and seven points respectively. Perry and Porter accounted for four points each as well as adding to the effectiveness of the Tigers' floor coverage during the evening.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

MAP PLANS FOR TENNIS MEET AT TUSKEGEE

JAN 1 8 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Jan. 11—Members of the Tuskegee Institute Tennis Club discussed plans for the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Championships of the American Tennis Association, which will be played on the championship courts at the institute August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, here last week.

The Silver Anniversary meeting of the American Tennis Association will be one of the most important and largest attended sessions of the association. Tennis players and followers of the game will come to Tuskegee to witness the sterling brand of play and to participate in the many entertainment features which will be planned by Tuskegee Institute and members of the local tennis club.

Margaret and Roumania Peters, students at Tuskegee, national doubles champions, will defend their title at this meet. Kathryn Jones, Tuskegee sophomore, will attempt to wrest the National Women's Singles championship from Mrs. Agnes Lawson, of Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas. Mrs. Lawson defeated Miss Jones in a blistering three-set match at Wilberforce University for the national singles crown last year.

Margaret and Roumania Peters had a little trouble in defeating Ora Washington and Anetta Gant in the doubles finals.

Kansas City, Call
Kansas City, Mo.

TUSKEGEE FIVE DIVIDES TWO OVER WEEKEND

Fisk Falls, 32 - 31, Before Tigers; Virginia Union Wins, 44-42

JAN 1 0 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Tuskegee's Golden Quint barely nosed out Fisk university in a thrilling season opening basketball game in Logan hall here Friday night. The 32-31 score was not decided until the very last second of play. The Bulldogs, with Ridley, star forward, as their sharp-shooter, took command of the floor and led the way until near the close of the half. Perry tossed to tie the score just as the gong sounded for the intermission. The frequent change on the board during the second half made the outcome of the game decidedly uncertain.

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Smith and Hornburger led the Tiger attack with 9 and 7 points, respectively. Perry and Porter accounted for 4 points each as well as adding to the effectiveness of the Tigers' floor coverage during the evening. After the game Capt. Dickens said the team would acquire more cohesion and confidence as the season progressed and that the battle with Virginia Union university on Saturday would be sensational from start to finish. JAN 1 0 1941

TUSKEGEE—32

Officials: LeRoy Easterly, Wilberforce, referee; C. Johnwon Dunn, Morehouse, umpire; Nelson S. Brocks, Tuskegee, timekeeper; Charles Cottrell, Tuskegee, and L. W. Beasley, Fisk, scorers.

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Virginia Union: Hyde (3), Davis (13), Knighton (2), Blair (12), Glover (3), Daughtry (8), Burton (1), Atkins (0), Culberson (2). 8otal 44.

Tuskegee: Smith (9), Brinkley (7), Hornburger (8), Dickens (1), Perry (2), Culver (8), Briggs (2), Porter (0), Johnson (3), Shaw (0), Robinson (2). Total, 42.

Tuskegee Institute (32)	Fg	Ft	P	Fisk University (31)	Fg	Ft	P
Smith	4	1	9	Ridley	7	1	14
Brinkley	4	1	9	Hickerson	2	0	4
Horb'ruger	8	1	7	Watts	2	0	4
Porter	1	2	4	Edmunds	1	0	2
Perry	1	2	4	Parsons	1	1	3
Dickens	1	0	2	Banks	2	0	4
Culuver	0	1	1	Bennett	0	0	0
G. Robinson	1	0	2	Whitsett	0	0	0
Birggs	1	0	2				
Johnson	0	1	1	Totals	15	1	31
Totals	12	8	32				

Officials: Leroy Easterly (Wilberforce) referee; C. Johnson Dunn (Morehouse) umpire; Nelson S. Brooks (Tuskegee) timekeeper; Charles Cottrell (Tuskegee) L. W. Beasley (Fisk) scorers.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

TUSKEGEE MAKES EARLY PLANS FOR NET TOURNEY

JAN 25 1941

TUSKEGEE INST., Ala—Members of the Tuskegee Institute Tennis Club met today and discussed plans for the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Championships of the American Tennis Association which will be played on the Championship Courts at the Institute, August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

The Silver Anniversary meeting of the American Tennis Association will be one of the most important and largest attended sessions of the Association. Tennis players and followers of the game will come to Tuskegee to witness the sterling brand of play and to participate in the many entertainment features which will be planned by Tuskegee Institute and members of the local Tennis Club.

Margaret and Roumania Peters, students at Tuskegee, National Doubles Champions will defend their title at this meeting. Kathryn Jones, Tuskegee Sophomore, will attempt to wrest the National Women's Singles Championship from Mrs. Agnes Lawson of Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas. Mrs. Lawson defeated Miss Jones in a blistering three-set match at Wilberforce University for the National Singles crown last year.

Margaret and Roumania Peters had little trouble in defeating Ora Washington and Aneta Gant in the Doubles Finals.

JAN 25 1941

Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee Sophomore, National Girls' Singles Champion has graduated from the girls' events and will take part in the events for women. However, Thelma McDaniels, Tuskegee freshman, and last year's runner-up to Helen Hutchinson will again play in the girls' singles events. Miss McDaniels, who is only sixteen, has two more years of eligibility for girls' events.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Tuskegee Nationals March 27-29

MAR 22 1941

Seventh Annual Invitational Cage Tourney

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FRIENDLY COMPETITION

MAR 22 1941

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Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

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Chicago, Illinois

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In the six years in which the tournament has been established the ambitions of the founders have been justified. The tournament has also been of many benefits to the colored schools of the country. The contacts established between players and coaches have resulted in a closer friendship between schools.

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TUSKEGEE QUEEN AND COURT

Miss Hattie Grimmett (Miss Tuskegee) and her attendants, Miss Gladys White, left, Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Edalene Davenport, right, Hamilton, Ohio, who served as the court of honor at the fifteenth annual Tuskegee relay carnival held in the alumni bowl at the institute, May 10.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Custodian

VIDA L. SHANK

Miss Vida L. Shank, a senior in the School of Home Economics, served as custodian of the Batons, at the 15th annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival which was held in Alumni Bowl at the Institute, Saturday.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Opens Nine-Game Grid Slate Sept. 26 Against Xavier Team

TUSKEGEE, ALA., June 10.—Members of the Tuskegee Institute Golden Tiger football team have planned their work during the Summer so that it will fit them for their heavy gridiron assignments which will begin with a game with Xavier University, scheduled to be played in the Bowl at the Institute Friday afternoon, September 26.

Three of Coach Abbott's most promising players have been called for military service. This will make it necessary for the Tiger mentor to change the attack which he had planned and worked out during the Spring training season for this Fall.

The 1941 football schedule follows:

Sept. 26—Tuskegee Institute vs. Xavier at Tuskegee.

Oct. 4—Tuskegee Institute vs. Morris Brown College at Atlanta.

Oct. 10—Tuskegee Institute vs. Wilberforce University at Chicago (night).

Oct. 18—Tuskegee Institute vs Benedict College at Tuskegee.

Oct. 24—Tuskegee Institute vs Morehouse College at Columbus, Ga., (night).

Nov. 1—Tuskegee Institute vs. South Carolina State College at Orangeburg.

Nov. 8—Tuskegee Institute vs. Knoxville College at Tuskegee.

Nov. 15—Tuskegee Institute vs. Lincoln University (Penn.) at Tuskegee (homecoming).

Nov. 20—Tuskegee Institute vs. Alabama State Teachers College at Montgomery.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

New Tennis Stands For Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(ANP)—Erection of new stands on the Championship Courts was begun here this week. The old wooden bleachers were completely destroyed by fire early in June. The new stands, which will seat 1,000 people will be ready on or about July 20.

The Championship Courts are being completely resurfaced with Tuskegee's own famous multi-colored clays which are mined from the old historic clay pit which furnished the clay from which bricks were burned for all of the Institute's older buildings.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Women in Athletics

Tuskegee Girls' Records Better Than Brazilians

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Track and field marks at the annual South American championships for women, which were held at Buenos Aires, April 26 to May 4 inclusive, reveal some interesting results when compared with the marks made by Tuskegee's famous women's track and field team in the light of the fact that the Pan-American games are scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires in 1942.

The 100 meter dash was won by Lelia Spuhr of Argentina in the time of 26.1 seconds. Hester Brown has a best time of 26 seconds flat in this event. Also Rowena Harrison and Lucy Newell have run the 200 meters in 26 seconds. The 80 meter hurdles event was won by Crisca Jane Giese of Brazil in 12.4 seconds. Lillie Purifoy, the national indoor champion in the 80 meter hurdles has a best time of 12.2 and Lelia Perry has topped the timbers for this distance in 12.4 seconds.

The high jump was also won by Lelia Spuhr of Argentina at four feet, one inch. Alice Coachman has a best height of five feet, four inches. She has been the National A.A.U., outdoor champion for two years. She has also won the indoor title and accomplished this feat this spring. Leil A Perry can also reach a height of five feet, one inch in the high jump.

The running broad jump was won by Ildumist Kastdorff of Uruguay with a leap of 1[illegible] feet, 9½ inches. Lucy Newell has a best jump of 18 feet, 3 inches in competition. She is also the national indoor champion in the standing broad jump.

The shot put was won by Irma Mello [illegible]reiss of Argentina with a distance of 38 feet 9 inches. Hattye Hall has a best effort of 39 feet.

Cristel Balde of Chile threw the discus 116 feet, 9½ inches to win this event. Margaret Barnes has a best distance of 122 feet in competition, and in practice Christine Long has consistently thrown the spear over 120 feet.

Argentina won the 440 meter relay with a time of 51.2 seconds. Tuskegee has won the national outdoor championship in this event for the last three years and also broke the accepted indoor world's record by 0.5 seconds at Atlantic City this spring when Lucy Newell, Hester Brown, Lelia Perry and Rowent Harrison whirled around the oval in 50.3 seconds.

Outdoor team A, composed of Lucy Newell, Lelia Perry, Alice Coachman and Rowena Harrison, can do 49 seconds flat; and the B team of Hattye Hall, Hester Brown, Mamie Taylor and Lillie Purifoy can do 50 seconds flat.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Mentor Turns Nose Guard Inventor

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., June 25.—"Now, that is done," said Cleve L. Abbott as he looked admiringly at a peculiarly constructed apparatus which he had been working on since the first week of Spring football practice. The gadget is to be used by a football player who may have the misfortune to sustain a broken nose while engaged in a game.

"But, you have no one with a broken nose," said Capt. Frank L. Drye, who was serving as the guinea-pig for the coach's new device, and to whom the Tiger mentor was explaining the virtues of his new nose protector, so why worry this far in advance of the headache season."

"I know," replied the coach, "that I have no one with a broken nose, but I have always wanted such a device available, just in case. I believe it has merit," continued the coach, who has now turned inventor.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Tuskegee Team Wins N. C. Open

Howard Minnis Takes Singles Title; Teams With Russell To Win In Doubles

DURHAM, N. C.—A strong team from Tuskegee Institute, swept aside all competition to take major honors in the North Carolina Open Tennis tournament despite the intermittent showers which delayed the playing of the semi-finals and finals of this popular Old North State athletic event.

Howard Minnis, of Tuskegee, triumphed in the men's singles event when his doubles partner, Clifford Russell, the other finalist ,failed to report for play after the intermission which followed the first three sets. Minnis was leading, two sets to one, at the time. The officials defaulted Russell and awarded the championship to Minnis.

The open championships attracted sixty entrants from Virginia, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, South and North Carolina.

The men's doubles event was spectacular. The semi-finals brought together the teams of McGriff and Downing vs. Fitch and Eaton: and Russell and Minnis vs. Bowling and Herbin.

This event was finally won by Russell and Minnis after an exciting final match with the veteran team of Fitch and Eaton——the score being 7-5; 4-6; 6-3.

PETERS SISTERS TOPS

The Peters Sisters of Tuskegee took care of the women's events—Miss Roumania Peters won the women's singles and the team of Peters and Peters won the Women's Doubles with comparative ease to establish their superiority in this event.

Weldon Collins of Durham won the junior singles and paired with Forrest Dawson, also of Durham, to win the junior doubles.

Thelma McDaniels of Richmond won the junior singles event for girls by defeating Gloria Downing of Roanoke—a well played three set event.

James [illegible] Carter and Florice Holmes of Durham, had to wade through tough competition to win the mixed doubles event. They defeated Campbell of Tuskegee and Thelma McDaniel of Richmond, after a thrilling match.

POSTPONE ONE EVENT

The finals of the veterans singles event was not played. As a matter of fact the committee considered itself fortunate to be able to complete all of the events with the exception of this one. This event, therefore, was postponed, and will be played on the courts of the Algonquin Tennis Club, July 4 at 3 p.m.

The tournament was a success in every way and the large galleries which came to witness the events expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied with the play.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Tuskegee Dominates

DURHAM, N.C.—Although intermittent showers delayed the playing of the semi-finals and finals of the North Carolina State Tennis Tournament, the event was brought to a successful close Saturday. Sixty individuals representing Virginia, the District of Columbia, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina played in the tournament. The strong aggregation from Tuskegee swept aside all competition and won the major events of the tournament.

Howard Minnis took the men's singles. Clifford Russell, who was Minnis's doubles partner, was the other single finalist. He was trailing two sets to one at the intermission. He failed to report after the intermission and the match was defaulted to Minnis.

Doubles Thrilling

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News
Birmingham, Ala.

Stella Walsh Defends Broad Jump Laurels In A. A. U. Track Meet

OCEAN CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Stella Walsh, Cleveland star, easily defended her running broad jump laurels in an early event of the fifteenth annual National A. A. U. track and field championships Saturday.

She leaped 18 feet 6¾ inches, well below her American record of 19 feet 4 8-10 inches, but still eight inches better than Lucy Newell, Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute, who placed second.

The slender margin of three-eights of an inch enabled Mrs. Catherine Fellmeth, of Chicago, to retain her eight-pound shot put title. She had a toss of 37 feet ⅜-inch to edge out Dorothy Dodson, also of Chicago, and, like Mrs. Fellmeth, competing unattached.

Alice Coachman gave the defending team champion, Tuskegee, its first victory when she won the high jump at 5 feet 2¾ inches.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

8 Negro Athletes Honored

FEB 8 1941

NEW YORK.—Five Negro athletes were given places on Dan Ferris all-American track team. Ferris is secretary-treasurer of the National Amateur Athletic Union. Three colored college athletes were placed on the all-college team.

On the all-American team and the event are:

Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee institute, the only one to represent a school of our group, 60 yards.

James Herbert, Grand Street Boys club, New York City, and star quarter-miler on the New York university track team for the last three years, 600 meters.

John Woodruff, former University of Pittsburgh star and I. C. 4-A half-mile champion, 800 meters.

John Borican, former Virginia State hurdler and later one of the outstanding 1,000 yard runners, now competing for the Elbron, J. J., Shore Athletic club, 1,000 yards.

William Watson, Big Ten discus champion, and 1940 captain of the University of Michigan track team, decathlon.

On the all-college team is Barney Ewell, University of Pennsylvania sophomore in the 220-yard run.

Jackie Robinson, University of California at Los Angeles, all-round athlete, broad jump.

Archie Harris, University of Indiana and Big Ten discus champion, discus.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Defeats Hornets

FEB 15 1941

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The Tuskegee Tigers defeated Alabama State in the annual founder's day event, 46-34.

Shortly after the beginning of the second half, the taller Tuskegee team began to show a definite edge, and although the Hornets pushed them hard all the way, they pulled ahead to stay by dint of more accurate shooting and keen defense work. A surge in the final minutes swelled the Tiger lead and the game closed 46-34.

Farrell and Clark found the hoop for 11 points to lead the Hornet scoring, and Smith was away out in front of both teams in cashing 16 points for the Tigers; Hornburger, 6 foot 4 center of the Tigers, made 10 points and played a bang up defensive game as well.

Sullinger and Breedlove were sensational on the floor but their poor shooting booted many golden opportunities that may have turned the tide in the Hornet favor.

Alabam State	B	F	P	Tuskegee	B	F	P
Farrell,f	5	1	1	Smith,f	8	0	1
Jones,f	0	0	0	Culver,f	0	0	0
Bankhead,f	3	0	0	Brinkley,f	4	1	1
Underwood,c	0	0	0	Shaw,c	0	0	0
Clark,g	5	1	1	Hornburger,g	4	2	3
Griggs,g	0	0	0	Porter,g	2	0	0
Breedlove,g	1	2	2	Johnson,g	1	0	1
Sullinger,g	1	0	2	Perry,g	2	1	2

Referee, B. T. Harvey (Colgate); umpire W. Frazier (Ala. A. and M.).

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Mozel Ellerbee To Defend Title At National AAU Meet

FEB 15 1941

Mozel Ellerbee of Tuskegee Institute, the national 60-yard sprint champion will make his first New York appearance of the 1941 campaign in defense of his title at the National AAU track and field championships a week from Saturday, February 22, at Madison Square Garden, it was announced by Meet Director Daniel J. Ferris. He is the fifth titleholder to file entry.

A year ago the powerful Negro from Alabama ran two races in the Garden and won them both, the New York A. C. sprint and the nationals, both of them in 6.2 seconds, time that equalled the championship record. He is a husky youth with tremendous drive in the last few yards.

He wrote Director Ferris that he has been training earnestly and is fit for the defense of his crown. Since he is likely to face Barney Ewell, Tom Carey, and all the other crack sprinters of the nation in this event he will have to be at his very best to win.

An odd sidelight on this event is that Negroes have dominated it ever since Emmitt Topino triumphed in 1932, eight straight years. Ralph Metcalfe and Ben Johnson won three times each with Herb Thompson and Ellerbee following them. Either Ewell or Ellerbee will rank as favorite this season.

La. Normal Beats Tuskegee Girls

Chicago Defender

FEB 1 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—In the second of a two game series the Louisiana Normal school of Grambling defeated the Tuskegee sextette, 22 to 15 in Logan Hall, Monday afternoon. Tuskegee was a constant threat during the entire four periods of play and kept Coach Johnson's fast floor team constantly on the move.

Coach Roberts' players broke through the strong defense of the visitors time after time, carrying the ball deep into their territory and peppered the basket, but somehow were unable to cage their shots.

Margaret Barnes looped two field goals which were gems in placement performance. Lucy Newell and Ruby Hockenhull also hooked two beautiful field goals.

Elizabeth Campbell backed up the boards in her usual excellent manner. She tossed two charity chances. Leila Perry, Hester Brown and Helen Hutchinson were good in floor coverage.

Java Osborne and Gustave Moore, star forwards on the visitors' team, turned in a total of 18 points. Lesper Givens and Lorease Jackson hiked the count to 22 tallies.

La. Normal (22)	B	F	P	Tuskegee (15)	B	F	P
Moore,f	4	0	8	Campbell,f	0	2	2
Osborne,f	4	2	10	Barnes,f	2	0	4
Givens,c	1	0	2	Hockenhull,c	1	1	3
Henry,c	0	0	0	Long,c	1	1	3
Murphy,g	0	0	0	Newell,g	1	1	3
Richards,g	0	0	0	Handy,g	0	0	0

Officials: Leroy Easterly (Wilberforce), referee; C. J. Dunn (Morehouse), umpire.

Richmond, Va., News Leader
February 1, 1941

Virginia Union Drubs Tuskegee Five, 64-53

The high scoring Virginia Union Panthers drubbed Tuskegee Institute, 64-53, last night at the Recreation Center gymnasium. The Panthers trailed, 25-28, at the half, but Glover Knighton led a final-half assault on the hoop to lead Union to another victory.

Knighton's 19 points won him high-scoring honors.

'SKEGEE SWAMPS HAMPTON, 56-42

Louisiana Weekly, New Orleans, La.

By "Shakey" Stuart

FEB 8 1941

Hampton Institute, Va. — Displaying almost flawless basketball, the Tuskegee Tigers defeated the Hampton Institute cagers by the score of 56 to 42, Wednesday night, January 29, on the Hampton court.

Wilson Smith, star Tuskegee forward, of Kansas City, Kansas, drew first blood with a one-hand shot from the side court to start the Tiger rally. He scored a total of 22 points, 16 of which were made in the first half, and earned top scoring honors for the game.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Ferris Announces 1940 All-American Track Selections

FEB 8 1941

Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Atheltic Union, on Friday released his annual selections for All-America track rating in 1940. The selections were made in three groups, All-America, All-Collegiate and All-Scholastic. Basis for the ratings were performances of the athletes last year.

Mozelle Ellerbee, Tuskegee, received the honor in the 60-yard dash of the All-American group. Other sepia stars in this group included James Herbert, N. Y. U., 600-yard run; John Woodruff, unattached, 800-meter run; John Borican, Shore A. C., 1,000-yard run, and William Watson, unattached, decathlon.

In the All-Collegiate group, Barney Ewell, Penn State, received first call in the 220-yard dash; Jack Robinson, U. C. L. A., topped the broad jump and Archie Harris, Indiana, won the discus-throw selection.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

2,000 ATTEND 'KEGEE - STATE CAGE GAME

FEB 14 1941

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — More than 2,000 rabid fans jammed the new Hornet gymnasium here Friday to see the 'Bama State Hornets play the Tuskegee Tigers in their annual Founder's Day event and yelled themselves hoarse as the fighting Hornets battled heroically all the way but went down to defeat, 46-34.

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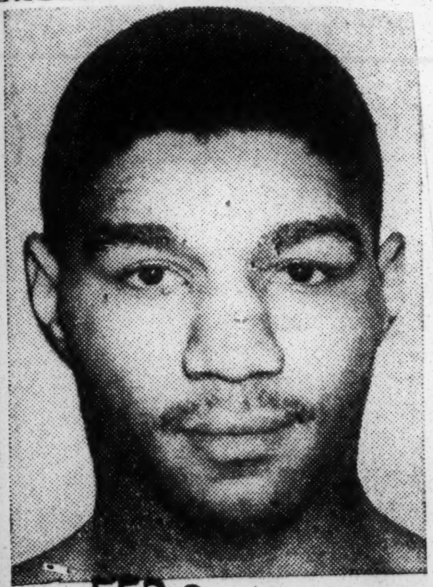
In a prelim game, a riot of laughs was caused by the junior high fives of Tuskegee and State as the little fellows fought a spirited game with all of the fervor of the well-known Tuskegee-State rivalry. The State kids won, 17-16.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois



FEB 2 1941

Lem Franklin (above), Cleveland heavyweight, will oppose Carl Vinciquerra (below) of Omaha, Neb. in the other 10 rounder.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Cage Squad Feted

Coaches And Players Are Commended For Achievements

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., March 17.—Members of the Tuskegee Institute Golden Quint, runners-up in the Eighth Annual Southern Conference Basketball Tournament, held recently in Logan Hall at the Institute, were the guests of the local chapter of the Tuskegee Alumni Association at a reception which was held in the Students' Recreation Center, Thursday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock.

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Attractive decorations in which a profusion of native flowers were artistically arranged, added a pleasing touch to the color scheme of crimson and gold. The orchestra, seated on a T-shaped platform, which was covered with green shrubbery, furnished delightful music throughout the evening.

Willis I. Peek, Anderson, South Carolina, president of the Tuskegee General Alumni Association, sent a message of congratulation. Tuskegee clubs in various sections sent congratulatory messages, several of which contained personal greetings to individual members of the team, a resident from a particular section to whom the club desired to bestow a special word of commendation for praise-worthy performance on the hardwood during the past season. Applause followed the reading of each message by Capt. Alvin J. Neely, executive secretary of the Tuskegee Alumni Association.

Presentation of gifts to those who participated in the tournament was made by Capt. Neely, who also conveyed to the members of the basketball squad the appreciation of President Patterson, the student body, faculty, townspeople and alumni for the excellent season record as well as for the fine example of sportsmanship. Coach Cleve L. Abbott, director of physical education, and Coach Edward H. Adams, were warmly congratulated and commended for the achievements of the 1941 basketball team.

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Members of the squad and guests included: Misses Lillian Hamrick, Edith Campbell, Adelaide Foster, Alexinia Young, Sarah Williams, Juanita Hill, Beatrice Betts, Maude Roberts, Leila Perry, Thelma McDaniels, Helen Hutchinson, Alberta Anderson, Nannie Williams, Ernestine Wright, Johnnie Partridge and Virgie Smith.

Messrs. Arthur Dickens, Thomas Hornburger, William Smith, Leo Brinkley, Eugene Porter, Charles Perry, George Culver, William Johnson, William Shaw, Collins Briggs, George Robinson, Eliot Van Zandt, Howard Fleming, Ernest Cotten, Theophilus Cottrell, Allison Rigara, Aury Canson and Daniel James.

During the evening many members of the local alumni assembled to extend personal congratulations to the members of the squad and joined in seeing that everyone passed the time pleasantly.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Tuskegee Girls In Indoor AAU

APR 12 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. Eight members of Tuskegee's famous track and field team will make the journey to Atlantic City, N. J., leaving the institute Monday evening, where they will take part in the Senior Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, which will be held in the large Municipal auditorium of Atlantic City, Saturday afternoon and evening, April 12. This indoor championship meet has not been held since 1937.

The meet this year is being sponsored by Judge Eugene Bonniwell and Mrs. Bonniwell of Philadelphia, Pa., under the auspices of the committee to defend America by aiding the Allies, William Allen White, chairman, assisted by the British War Relief Society of Atlantic City.

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The Tuskegee women's track and field team has been the outdoor National champions for the last four years. They tied for second place in 1936 at Providence, R. I., and won the first title at Trenton, N. J. in 1937. In 1938 at Naugatuck, Conn., they won their second title. They won their third title at Waterbury, Conn., in 1939, and made it four straight at Ocean City, N. J. last July.

ENTRY LIST

The members of the team and the events in which they have been entered are as follows: Hattye Hall, a place winner in the shot put and discus in former national meet, will put the shot and throw the basketball and run a leg on relay team B. Lillie Purifoy, a third place winner at Ocean City last summer in the 80 meter hurdles, will take part in the 50 meter hurdles, standing broad jump, and run a leg on relay team B.

Margaret Barnes, a winner in past national meets in the javelin and baseball throw, will put the shot, throw the basketball and run a leg on relay team B. Alice Coachman, national champion in the high jump for the last two years, has been entered in this event, and will anchor relay team B. Hester Brown, who has won points in the 200 meter runs for the past two years, will again take part in this event and run a leg on relay team A.

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Lucy Newell, who has scored points in the National championships for the past two years, and who was barely nosed out by Jean Lane of Wilberforce University in the 50 meter run last year, will again take part in this event; lead off for relay team A, and take part in the standing broad jump, which is a new event for her, although she is probably America's greatest running broad jumper. Lelia Perry, great hurdler, outdoors, will take part in the indoor version of this event, the high jump, and run a leg on relay team A. Rowena Harrison, a great little runner and the baby of the team, will run her customary leg on relay team A, and try for points in the 50 meters run.

Coach Christine Evans Petty, herself a great runner on Tuskegee teams of yesteryears, who has coached all of Tuskegee's women's track and field teams since 1935, is having a particularly hard time this year replacing Lula Hymes, America's greatest girl track and field athlete, who is now teaching home economics in the Lincoln High School at Atchison, Kans.

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In 1938, at Naugatuck, Conn., she won the 100 meters run, defeating among other stars, Claire Isicson, the defending champion; was first in the running broad jump and ran anchor on the national championship 400 meter relay team.

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Houston, Texas

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Nosed Out By Jean Lane

Lucy Newell, who has scored points in the national championship for the past two years, and who was barely nosed out by Jean Lane of Wilberforce University in the 50-meters run last year, will again take part in this event: lead off for the relay team A, and take part in the standing broad jump, which is a new event for her, although she is probably America's greatest running broad jumper.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tennis Championship To Be Held At Tuskegee

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA April 21.—The fourteenth annual Southern Intercollegiate Tennis Championships and the fifth annual National Interscholastic Tennis Championships will be played at Tuskegee Institute Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9. College and high school players will have an opportunity to practice and play on the championship courts where the 25th annual championships of the American Tennis Association will be played August 28-23, this year.

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Play will start at 9 a.m., May 8, for both college and high schools. The draw will be made Thursday evening. No two men or women from the same university shall meet before the second or third round, if possible. The amateur rules of the United States Lawn Tennis Association and the American Tennis Association will apply in all intercollegiate and interscholastic events.

Lodging will be furnished all contestants. Meals may be secured in the Institute cafeteria at nominal cost.

Washington Tribune
Washington, D. C.

MOZELLE ELLERBE NOT TO COMPETE IN 47th PENN RELAYS

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Clarksdale, Miss. Register
April 10, 1941

Tuskegee Teams To Attend Meets

Track, Tennis Squads to Leave For Series of Matches in West.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala—Thirty-five members of the Tuckegee men's and women's track and field team left the campus today for Southern University at Scotlandville, La., where the men's team will engage in a kuadrangle meet with Xavier University, Alabama State Teachers College and Southern University on Tuesday, April 8. From there the party will proceed to Prairie View College, Prairie View, Tex., to take part in the annual tennis tournament, women's track and field meet and the Southwestern Relay carnival.

Tuskegee's famous mile relay team which was barely nosed out at the Penn Relays last year and winners of the American Championship event at the Tuskegee relays last year, will take part in this event at Prairie View. The team is composed of Raymond Head, Marvin Fretwell, the second leg; Louis Slade, the third leg, and Upshaw Sams at anchor.

The tennis team packs plenty of power all along the line. Roumania and Margaret Peters (sisters) National and Intercollegiate doubles champions. Both of the sisters have also held the intercollegiate title at times. Howard Minmis and Clifford H. Russell are national doubles champions and intercollegiate champions. All four of the above players are ranked in the first ten in America. Thelma McDaniel, the national girls' runner-up last year, together with Mayme Stanley, a fine player, make up the tennis team.

Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

SOUTHERN DOWNS TUSKEGEE IN DUAL TRACK-FIELD MEET

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By E. JAMES HAMILTON

SCOTLANDVILLE, La.—Southern University's thinclads came through in grand style to defeat a veteran Tuskegee Institute team, 76 to 44, last Tuesday in what was scheduled to be a triangular meet but turned out to be a dual meet as Alabama State was delayed in arriving.

Coach Cruter presented a team that was strong in field events and good enough in track to win enough points to run away with the Alabama boys. In the field events, the Cats were successful in taking first and second places in the high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus throw, broad jump, javelin throw, and first and second in the high hurdles, and low hurdles.

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Tuskegee was not denied brilliant performances as the two speedsters, Maultsby and Goodwin flashed excellent form in taking the 100-yard dash from Southern's Daniel who had been doped to place second if not first. Although the track was slow from a heavy downpour, the day before the boys ran the event in 10.1.

The 220 brought the crowd to its feet as this was a swishing race that was so close that only those at the fintsh line could tell the winner. Maultsby won this event, with Britton of Southern not a half step behind. The time was 22.5 seconds.

The Results

High jump—Beaver (Southern), first; Matthews (Southern), second Height, five feet 11½ inches.

Pole Valut—Beaver (Southern) first; Brown (Southern), second. Height, 12 feet.

Shot put—Smith (Southern), first; Butler (Southern), second. Distance.

39 feet, one inch, winner.

Discus throw.—Hoover (Southern) first; Mitchell (Southern), second Winning distance, 109 feet, five inches.

Broad jump — Biggs (Southern, first; Towns (Southern), second Winning distance, 21 feet, four and one-half inches.

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Javelin throw.—Taylor (Southern), first; Butler (Southern), second. Winnng distance, 167 feel, eight inches.

High hurdles—Hoover (Southern), first; Matthews (Southern), second. Winning time, 15:06.

Distance medley—Tuskegee, first; Southern, second. Time 11:49.

100-yard dash—Maultby (Tuskegee), first; Goodwin (Tuskegee), second. Time, 10:1.

Low hurdles—Towns (Southern), first; Matthews (Southern), second. Time, 26 seconds.

Mile relay—Tuskegee, first; Southern, second. Time, 3:28.

Mile run—A. Lewis (Tuskegee), first; J. Lewis (Tuskegee), second. Time, 4:55.2.

220-yard dash—Maultsby (Tuskegee), first; Britton (Southern), second. Time, 22:5.

Two-mile relay—Tuskegee, first; outhern, second; time, 8:42.2.

440-yard run—Head (Tuskegee), rst; Fretwell (Tuskegee), second. me, 53:4.

Augusta, Ga., Herald
May 7, 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala., May 7.—(AP)—Slender, bespectacled Jean Lane, daughter of Wilberforce University's dean of men, will seek a new world record here next week-end in the women's 100-meter dash.

Competing in the Tuskegee Relays, the Wilberforce junior will be shooting at the mark of 11.5 seconds, set by Helen Stephens at Berlin, Aug. 4, 1936. She already holds the world's 100-yard record of 10.9 seconds, made last year at Cincinnati, and this season she has been clocked unofficially several times at or near the world metric mark.

Negro athletes from 14 colleges and Universities are entered in the relays.

Eddie Culp, the New Orleans flyer of Xavier University, renews his rivalry in the mile run with John Lawson of Morris Brown, Atlanta. Culp is regarded as almost certain to crack the record of 4:30 established last year when he finished a stride ahead of Lawson. Three weeks ago, in the Alabama State Teachers' Relays at Montgomery, Culp stepped the distance in 4.22.5, and last week-end he won both the mile and half-mile tests at New Orleans' avier Relays in record breaking time.

Watched as a probable record-maker in the quarter-mile is Earnest Marshall, freshman at Fort Valley (Ga.) State Teachers' College, who raced a field of veterans into the ground at Montgomery and finished in 49 seconds flat for his first competitive start. The existing record for the Tuskegee quarter-mile is 49.8 seconds.

Leo Tarrant of Alabama State Teachers' College, who has been clocked at 9.5 seconds, in the 100-yard dash, may tie the world record in that event if he shaves a bare one-tenth second from his time. He holds the Tuskegee record of 9.5.

Tuskegee's mile relay team, which won its event two weeks ago in the Penn relays at Philadelphia, is regarded as a "Piggy-bank Bet" to win Saturday, while Xavier's quartets are expected to sweep both 440-yard and 880-yard relays, and possible the two two-mile event.

Besides the collegiate competition in men's and women's events, the National Interscholastic Negro Tennis Tournament, Southern Intercollegiate Golf and Southern Intercollegiate Tennis Tournaments also will be held.

Participating in the relays, starting Friday, are Xavier, Southern University, Wylie University, Prairie View, Dillard University, Alabama State Teachers, Fort Valley State Teachers, Kentucky State College of Frankfort, Wilberforce, Alcorn College, Talladega College, Florida A. & M., of Tallahasee, and Tuskegee.

Atlanta Ga Constitution
May 10, 1941

Thousands Vie InBigTuskegee Relay Carnival

At Least 36 States Represented; College Events Slated Today.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., May 9.—Thousands of athletes from all parts of America and at least 6,000 visitors are here for the 15th annual running of the Tuskegee Relay Carnival. All the college events and a few of the high school contests that could not be run off yesterday will be held this afternoon, starting promptly at 1 o'clock. The trial heats will be run off this morning, starting at 9 o'clock.

Fans from Atlanta and Montgomery represent most of the crowd that will witness the classic.

The Tuskegee Relay Carnival, the largest of its kind in America, is to the Negro what the Penn Relays mean to the east. The gigantic event of today grew from a small meet 15 years ago, in which only 75 or 80 athletes competed, to nearly 700 participants, representing at least 36 states in America.

Trophies and medals for the carnival run into thousands of dollars. Among these are the much-sought-after Atlanta Constitution trophy which the school that becomes permanent owner must win three times before it is retired. So far only two schools have won the trophy which goes to the winner each year until a school wins it for keeps. Tuskegee won last year and Prairie View College the first year. Tuskegee is a heavy favorite for putting two legs on the cup this year, and also bids fair to take the cup again next year for the retirement.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Dennis Stewart Is Tuskegee Captain

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Dennis Stewart, a senior in the Department of Education, has been named Captain of the Tuskegee Institute Golden Tiger football team for 1941. He is the son of Ralph B. Stewart, Sr., of Jacksonville, Florida, who was ggraduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1913. His brother, Robert B. Stewart, Jr., is also a graduate of Tuskegee, Class of 1939, and has been connected with the Institute since receiving his degree, serving as a chemist on the staff of Dr. George W Carver.

The recently elected team captain, who weighs 210 pounds, is an exellent guard and is highly respected by those who have opposed him on the gridiron for his rugged style of play as well as for his effective cross blocking.

When announcement of Stewart's election as Captain of the 1941 football team was made he said: "I greatly appreciate the honor and I believe that this will be the greatest year of my gridiron career."

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

WOMEN'S TENNIS AT TUSKEGEE

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The women tennis players of Tuskegee Institute made it four straight National Intercollegiate Championships this Spring by winning the Southwestern Intercollegiate singles and doubles championships, and grand slamming the Southern Intercollegiate championships where they won the singles and doubles, and placed a team as runners-up in the doubles.

The 1941 tennis season was one of great advancement in the South, due to the increased interest evinved by the younger players, also to the presence in the Southern Colleges and Universities of all the champions in the Men's Singles and Doubles, Women's Singles and Doubles, Girls' Singles, Junior Singles and Doubles as well as the several runners-up in these divisions.

At Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas, there resides Mrs. Agnes Lawson, National Women's Singles Champion, and Charles Lewis Jr., National Boys' Singles Champion. At Xavier University, New Orleans, may be found Jimmie McDaniels, National Men's Singles Champion, and Richard Cohen, who teamed with McDaniels and won the National Men's Doubles Championships two years ago, and at Wilberforce last year, was runner-up in the singles to McDaniels as well as Robert Ryland, Freshman from Chicago, former Junior Singles Champion. These great players, together with Graves and Smith, have lifted Xavier to a ne wheight in the tennis world, as well as rejuvenated tennis in New Orleans.

At Dorchester Academy, MacIntosh, Georgia, Joe King, present National Junior Champion, is graduating this year and bids fair to become probably the finest young player ever to be developed in the South. At Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, is found Vivian Murphy, a Freshman from Buffalo, New York. She was National Girls' Singles Champion in 1939, but she did not play intercollegiate tennis this year.

We find Roland McDaniels at Virginia Union University and Robert Ashford Jr., the Junior Doubles Champions. The runners-up in Junior Doubles are Marshall Arnold, a Sophomore of Morehouse College, and Joseph King, the National Junior Champion.

Roumania Peters and Margaret Peters, sisters, have dominated women's play for the last four years; teaming together they have also won the National Intercollegiate Doubles Championships for the last four years. Kathryn Jones, a Tuskegee Freshman, was defeated last year at Wilberforce by Mrs. Agnes Lawson, the champion in three blistering sets.

In the Girls' Championships at Wilberforce last year the winner, Helen Hutchinson, a Tuskegee Freshman, defeated her teammate, Thelma McDaniels, of Richmond, Virginia, also a Tuskegee Freshman, in a thrilling three-set match.

Clifford Russell, Tuskegee Junior, and Howard Minnis, Tuskegee Sophomore, scored the most stunning upset recorded in the National Championships last year when they blasted the defending champions, Jimmie McDaniels and Richard Cohen, out of the tournament in the semi-final round. They also have won the Southwestern intercollegiate championships for the last two years, and also the Southern intercollegiate championships. In winning these championships, Russell and Minnis are really the National Intercollegiate Doubles Champions.

The highlight of the intercollegiate season in the South was the epic five-set match between Jimmie McDaniels and Clifford Russell in the finals of the Xavier University intercollegiates. Russell won the first two sets at 6-4, 6-4 and was leading 4-2 in the third set only to see McDaniels win that set, 6 games to 4, and go on to win the next two sets after the rest period, 7-5, 7-5.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

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Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

When Tuskegee Girls Ran At Shore

APR 24 1941

Backflash from the recent track meet in the Convention Hall at Atlantic City, showing girls' team from Tuskegee Institute. In the photo are the Mayor of Atlantic City, Thomas D. Taggart, Jr., Mrs. Christine Petty, coach. Members of the team, left to right, front, are: Lelia Perry, Lucy Howell and Alice Coachman; rear, Margaret Barnes, Hester Brown, Lilly Purifoy, Rowena Harrison and Hayette Hall. The Tuskegeeans won all indoor titles in their class.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Tuskegee Relays, 4th Oldest In Country, To Be Held May 10th

APR 24 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The fifteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival will be held in the Alumni Bowl at Tuskegee Institute, Saturday, May 10. The meet is the fourth oldest in the United States, being ranked only by the Penn, Drake and Kansas Relays. The usual large number of team trophies will be at stake.

The Southern Annual Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Tennis Tournament, the Annual Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Golf Tournament will be held at the Institute on May 8 and 9, and the Annual Women's Track and Field Championships will be held in the Alumni Bowl May 9.

The following institutions are expected to send teams to participate in the carnival: Morehouse College Clark University, Morris Brown College, Atlanta; Talladega College, Fisk University, Florida A. and M. College, Xavier University, Knoxville College, Lane College, State Teachers College, South Carolina State College, Wilberforce University, Wiley College, Prairie View State College, Southern University, Bishop College, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; Benedict College, Tillotson College, Tennessee State College, Alcorn A. and M. College and Kentucky State College.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

TUSKEGEE TIGERS DEFEAT BENEDICT COLLEGE—SCORE 20-2

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Oct. 23—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee defeated Benedict college of Columbia, South Carolina here on the afternoon of October 18 in the Alumni bowl by a score of 20 to 2. Fresh from their decisive victory over Wilberforce in Chicago the past Friday, the Tigers getting off to a slow start, finally mixed speed and deception in rolling up 19 first downs as against 6 for the visitors. Completing ten of their 18 passes, the Tigers scored once in the second quarter and twice in the third quarter as Ivey converted two of the extra points from placement.

The Benedict tally came near the end of the second quarter when a Tuskegee pass was knocked down in the end zone for an automatic safety. The half ended Tuskegee 7, Benedict 2.

Alternating long and short passes with the famous "T" formation, the Tuskegee Tigers made two touchdowns in quick succession in the third quarter. Halfback Sams who had previously made the first score for Tuskegee was also responsible for the second marker when he took a fifteen yard pass from Robinson and skirted Benedict's left end for a touchdown. Smiley made the third and final touchdown for Tuskegee when a series of end runs and passes carried the ball to Benedict's ten yard line from which point he smashed through the center of the line for the touchdown.

The backfield combination of Leake, Fields, Jenkins and Sheats for Benedict late in the second quarter alternated the ball to Tuskegee's fifteen yard line but the ball went over on fourth down when the Benedicts were unable to make the necessary yardage. Here Tuskegee attempted one of its many passes but the ball was knocked in the end zone which accounted for the lone tally for Benedict on an automatic safety.

The Tuskegee line was outstanding and the array of back presented by Coach Abbott proved to be the undoing of Benedict. Jenkins was the best ground gainer for the visitors. The crack Tuskegee band paraded the field during the half and played songs of both schools.

Final score: Tuskegee 20, Benedict 2.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

TUSKEGEE SENDS TRACK TEAM TO RELAYS FOR TENTH YEAR

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., April 24.—The crack Tuskegee Institute relay team will leave the campus this week for the Penn Relays which will take place at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. The Tuskegee foursome will again endeavor to capture first place in the Teachers' college one-mile relay championship of America and the college mile relay. In the ten years that Tuskegee has been sending teams to America's No. 1 classic, the Institute representatives have never been able to win a championship, but they have never placed lower than fourth in any race. Last year the team lost by a margin of a full breadth. Mozelle Ellerbe, who has won the 100 yard dash championship of America for the past three years, will not compete this year, having had three years of intercollegiate athletic competition.

The team this year will be composed of Raymond Head, who will lead off; Marvin Fretwell at the second leg; Louis Slade, running the third leg, and Upshaw Sams at anchor. The substitutes are Fred Thomas and William Anderson.

The Alabama State Teachers college relays, held at Montgomery, on April 18 and 19, served as a tune-up for the Penn Relays. From the Penn Relays the track and field team will take part in the Xavier Relays, which will be held at Xavier university in New Orleans on May 2 and 3. All of these meets lead the Tuskegee team up to their own relays, the 15th annual Tuskegee Relay championships which will be staged in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute on May 10.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

When Tuskegee Girls Ran At Shore

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Backflash from the recent track meet in the Convention Hall at Atlantic City, showing girls' team from Tuskegee Institute. In the photo are the Mayor of Atlantic City, Thomas D. Taggart, Jr., Mrs. Christine Petty, coach. Members of the team, left to right, front, are: Lelia Perry, Lucy Howell and Alice Coachman; rear, Margaret Barnes, Hester Brown, Lilly Purifoy, Rowena Harrison and Hayette Hall. The Tuskegeeans won all indoor titles in their class.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Tuskegee Relays, 4th Oldest In Country, To Be Held May 10th

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The fifteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival will be held in the Alumni Bowl at Tuskegee Institute, Saturday, May 10. The meet is the fourth oldest in the United States, being ranked only by the Penn, Drake and Kansas Relays. The usual large number of team trophies will be at stake.

The Southern Annual Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Tennis Tournament, the Annual Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Golf Tournament will be held at the Institute on May 8 and 9, and the Annual Women's Track and Field Championships will be held in the Alumni Bowl May 9.

The following institutions are expected to send teams to participate in the carnival: Morehouse College, Clark University, Morris Brown College, Atlanta; Talladega College, Fisk University, Florida A. and M. College, Xavier University, Knoxville College, Lane College, State Teachers College, South Carolina State College, Wilberforce University, Wiley College, Prairie View State College, Southern University, Bishop College, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; Benedict College, Tillotson College, Tennessee State College, Alcorn A. and M. College and Kentucky State College.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

TUSKEGEE TIGERS DEFEAT BENEDICT COLLEGE—SCORE 20-2

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Oct. 23—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee defeated Benedict college of Columbia, South Carolina here on the afternoon of October 18 in the Alumni bowl by a score of 20 to 2. Fresh from their decisive victory over Wilberforce in Chicago the past Friday, the Tigers getting off to a slow start, finally mixed speed and deception in rolling up 19 first downs as against 6 for the visitors. Completing ten of their 18 passes, the Tigers scored once in the second quarter and twice in the third quarter as Ivey converted two of the extra points from placement.

The Benedict tally came near the end of the second quarter when a Tuskegee pass was knocked down in the end zone for an automatic safety. The half ended Tuskegee 7, Benedict 2.

Alternating long and short passes with the famous "T" formation, the Tuskegee Tigers made two touchdowns in quick succession in the third quarter. Halfback Sams who had previously made the first score for Tuskegee was also responsible for the second marker when he took a fifteen yard pass from Robinson and skirted Benedict's left end for a touchdown. Smiley made the third and final touchdown for Tuskegee when a series of end runs and passes carried the ball to Benedict's ten yard line from which point he smashed through the center of the line for the touchdown.

The backfield combination of Leake, Fields, Jenkins and Sheats for Benedict late in the second quarter alternated the ball to Tuskegee's fifteen yard line but the ball went over on fourth down when the Benedicts were unable to make the necessary yardage. Here Tuskegee attempted one of its many passes but the ball was knocked in the end zone which accounted for the lone tally for Benedict on an automatic safety.

The Tuskegee line was outstanding and the array of back presented by Coach Abbott proved to be the undoing of Benedict.

Jenkins was the best ground gainer for the visitors. The crack Tuskegee band paraded the field during the half and played songs of both schools.

Final score: Tuskegee 20, Benedict 2.

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Atlanta, Georgia

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Xavier Cagers Defeat Tuskegee Again 34-17

JAN 19 1941

TUSKEGEE INST., Ala.—(SNS) The high flying Xavier University Gold Rush of Louisiana (New Orleans) won their eleventh consecutive game of the season in convincing fashion as the vaunted Tuskegee Institute Tigers bowed 34-18 in the second and final game of a cage series here. It gave the Xavierites a clean sweep in basketball over the Tigers this year with four wins out four and continued the unblemished record of the current season for the Xavierites. The Rush left for a game with the Alabama State Teachers College Hornets at Montgomery, Alabama with a two-day lay off since the game with Morehouse College of Atlanta, Georgia has been cancelled due to the death of Dr. S. H. Archer, president-emeritus of the institution.

Lucius (Lucky Thomas, ace Xavier forward, seemed to approach the form which gave him all Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rating at his position in '39 as he continued to "cut" and sink five baskets for 10 points and runner-up high point honors for the game. Frank (Blotto) Crozier, Xavier's sharpshooting center (All SIAC in '39) scored 11 points for high point honors via four baskets and three free throws. Thomas Hornburger, Tuskegee ace, was held to six points via three baskets, sufficient to lead his team in scoring.

Tuskegee was able to score only nine points via three baskets and three free throws in the final half, having scored eight via four baskets in the first period, Xavier leading at half time 17-8.

The Gold Rush will play in Knoxville, Tenn., at Knoxville College Monday and Tuesday, at Nashville against Fisk on Wednesday, at Jackson against lane on Thursday, and at Jackson, Miss., against Tougaloo College Friday and Saturday before returning to New Orleans.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Va. Union Comes From Behind To Down Tuskegee

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RICHMOND, Va.—Coming from behind in the last half, the fighting Virginia Union Panthers downed the Tuskegee Institute Golden Tigers, runner-up in the SIAC conference last year, 64-53, Friday night at the Community gym here to cop their tenth victory of the season. Coach Adams' Tigers led 28-25 at the half.

Banishments Cripple Tigers

Two Tuskegee players were banished on four personal fouls. Tom Hornberger, who had swished five field goals was sent out at the opening of the second half and Charlie Perry, guard, was benched just before the first half ended for the same reasons.

The Golden Tigers with an aggressive passing attack, fired the first charge when Charlie Perry hooked a one hander from the side. Kavanzo Hyde hooped a field goal for Union to even the count. Brinkley, Hornberger and Dickens fired again for the visitors and the fighting Panthers for the first time this year, were behind by more than 5 points on their home court. Tuskegee led 14-7.

With Mel Glover and Hyde hitting the Panthers threatened but the Tuskegee cagers kept their stride with Hornberger, Brankley and Smith tallying with beautiful one-handers thrown either on the fore or back court. The Panthers pulled to a 24-24 deadlock but the Tigers ranged up four points to hold a 28-25 lead at halftime.

The Panthers grabbed the lead at the start of the second frame as Glover made good two foul throws and Obie Knghton shot a long field goal from center court. Tom Hornberger, sensational shooting Tiger pivotman, was banished from the game after knotting the score at 30-30 with a successful foul attempt.

Even Score Twice

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Back and forth, the lead changed as the two teams fought it out before a shouting, excited crowd. Twice the teams evened the scores but with Union holding a slim 37-36 lead the lethal blow was struck. Union, rifling the ball around and whipping it into the pivot spot, momentarily caught the visitors off guard, to take a 44-38 lead nine minutes to go. Coach Adams' basketeers met the challenge with brilliant spin shots of Wilsor Smith but the threat was not enough. Union pulled off to a comfortable spot in front of the highly touted Tigers.

For Tuskegee, Wilson Smith's spin shots kept the score pot boiling after star Hornberger was ejected. Brinkley and Dickens played well on the defensive side. The Panthers' totals were divided except for Knighton's 21 points.

Union (64)	B	F	P	Tuskegee (53)	B	F	P
Blair,f	3	0	2	Smith,f	6	3	1
Hyde,f	1	2	1	Culver,f	0	0	0
Barton,f	0	1	0	Brinkley,f	4	0	0
Irvin,f	0	0	0	Robinson,f	0	0	0
Knighton,c	8	5	0	Hornberger,c	5	1	4
Culberson,c	0	2	2	Porter,c	2	0	0
Davis,g	5	1	1	Dickens,g	4	0	2
Glover,g	3	3	1	Shaw,g	0	0	1
Daughtry,g	4	2	3	Perry,g	1	0	4
				Johnson,g	2	1	3

Referee, Sam Lacy.

Montgomery Ala Advertiser
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Tuskegee Enters Fighters In Meet

Tuskegee Institute will enter five fighters in the first conference intercollegiate boxing match which is being staged here Wednesday night under the sponsorship of the State Teachers College at Hornet Gymnasium.

Sergt. Patton, boxing coach of Tuskegee, said the five boys are Robert Robinson, lightweight, of Asheville, N. C., Earl Scott, lightweight, of Buffalo, New York, John Tolson, middleweight, from Beaumont, Texas, James Hardy, lightweight, of Salisbury, Md., and William Sartor, heavyweight, of Clairton, Penn. Sartor is a former golden gloves fighter of high ranking in his home town.

Some two or three of these boys will be matched with members of the State Teachers College boxing team and the famous old Tuskegee-Bama State rivalry is sure to make them outstanding bouts of the program.

To date, five schools have already indicated their intentions of representing, and more are expected to enter before Wednesday night. The Wednesday night date is convenient for the many members of the conference who plan to enter the conference basketball tournament at Tuskegee on the following day, and transportation units bearing basketeers to the tourney can be used easily to bring along outstanding fighters of the boxing teams due to the nearness of Tuskegee to Montgomery. This factor is also expected to draw many out-of-town fans to the match who are accompanying their respective teams to the tourney. The five schools already entered are Xavier Florida, Morehouse, Tuskegee and Alabama State.

Selma Ala. Times Journal
February 24, 1941

Tuskegee To Stage Little Tournament

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Feb. 22—The Tuskegee Golden Quintmen completed plans here this afternoon for a "Little Tournament" which began Monday, triumphing over six Southern Conference teams, which, according to the experts, gives the Tigers the second position before the pairings which take place at 7:00 o'clock in Logan Hall here Wednesday night, February 26. The Eighth Annual Southern Conference Basketball Tournament will begin at 1:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon and continue through Saturday.

Xavier University of New Orleans is the ranking team of the circuit and is strongly favored to win. The Gold Rush hardwoodmen of the Crescent City in a brilliant exhibition of basketball carried off top honors in 1938 and repeated in 1939. The Clark University Cardinals of Atlanta, Georgia, turned back Florida in a thriller to win first place in 1940.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Tuskegee Girls Win National AAU Title

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TUSKEGEE'S WOMEN TRACK squad scored its fifth straight victory in the National Senior Women's AAU Championships at Atlantic City, N. J., last week-end when it piled up 39 points to outscore all rivals. Two Atlantans, Hester Brown and Leila Perry, played a major part in the coveted triumph by the Golden Tigerettes.

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Tuskegee Tracksters Win Indoor Meet

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 21.—Two world's records fell by the wayside as Tuskegee's famous track and field team won in the National A. A. U. Senior indoor meet at the Atlantic City Auditorium here April 12. Eighteen-year-old Jean Bettye Lane of Wilberforce University broke the first record of the evening when she carried off the 200-meter event in the marvelous time of 25.1, bettering the mark of 25.7 set by Stella Walsh of the Polish-Olympic Club of Cleveland during the trials in the afternoon.

Miss Walsh broke her own record of 26.1 in the afternoon, but was unable to cope with Miss Lane's burning speed in the final in the evening. The runners in this event had drawn for position as follows: In Lane 1, Stella Walsh; Lane 2, Jean Lane; Lane 3 Jeanerette Jones, Harrisburg Athletic Club; Lane 4, Hester Brown, Tuskegee; Lane 5, Olive Hasenfus, Boston Swimming Association, and in Lane 6, Elizabeth Peel, Philadelphia Moose Athletic Club. Miss Lane won the race in the first 40 yards when at the crack of Starter Charles Roeser's gun she out sprinted Miss Walsh to the curve and won going away. Miss Walsh had a terrific struggle with Miss Hester Brown of Tuskegee for second place. She was able to hold on to a slight lead until the finish, the Tuskegee representative winding up in third place.

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Miss Lane was a double victor when she outfought Jeanerette Jones, Lucy Newell, Tuskegee; Rowena Harrison of Tuskegee; Mary DeShayes, Philadelphia Moose, and Betty Charters, Philadelphia Moose, to win in a blanket finish in the good time of 6.8 seconds.

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Tuskegee Tracksters Show Well At Philly

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Tuskegee Institute's mile relay team came within two-tenths of a second of setting a new record in the annual Penn relays held at Philadelphia Saturday. Their 3:18.4 time was good enough to win them first place in the class B college running. The team showed unusually fine form in taking a win over the best competition in the country that is assembled each year to vie in the Penn meet.

Roy Cochran and Campbell came through in perfect form to obtain the lion's share of the spoils for their alma mater, the University of Indiana, in the two-day event. They teamed to set a record in the two-mile relay on the first day and returned in the second day field to take the one-mile race. If it had not been a two-day meet, however, they would have had to take a back seat to N. Y. U. who's Violets won the sprint and distance events, largely due to the fine work of Leslie MacMitchell as anchor man.

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The individual events proved an upset when Welby Williams of North Texas won over Barney Ewell of Penn State and Bill Carter of Pitt in the 100-yard dash. Only winner of two events was Don Blount of Dartmouth who won in the indoor broad and high jump at 24 feet, 1-8 inch, and six feet, three inches, respectively.

Negro Labor News
Houston, Texas

TUSKEGEE RELAYS NATION'S OLDEST SCHEDULED MAY 10

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The fifteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival will be held in the Alumni Bowl at Tuskegee Institute, Saturday, May 10. The meeting is the fourth oldest in the United States, being ranked only by the Penn., Drake and Kansas Relays. The usual large number of team trophies will be at stake. It is the oldest for Negroes.

This year the winners of first, second and third places in all events will receive a beautiful certificate suitable for framing instead of the time-honored medals.

The Southern annual intercollegiate and interscholastic tennis tourament will be held at the institute on May eight and ninth, and the annual women's track and field championship will be held in the Alumni Bowl May

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The following institutions are expected to send teams to participate in the carnival: Morehouse College, Clark University, Morris Brown College, Atlanta; Talladega College, Fisk University, Florida A. and M. College, Xavier University, Knoxville College, Lane College, State Teachers College, South Carolina State College, Wilberforce University, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; Benedict College, Tillotson College, Tennessee State College, Alcorn A. and M. College, and Kentucky State College.

Leading high schools of the nation will also send teams to take part in the interscholastic events. The following high schools will be represented: Booker T. Washington High, Atlanta; Snow Hill Institute, Howard Academy, Sanfort Consolidated, Xavier Prep School, Madison High, the Booker Washington High School of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lincoln High, Dallas; Merril High, Pine Bluff; Booker Washington High, Montgomery, Ala.; McDonough No. 35, New Orleans; Troy City High School, Troy, Ala.; State Teachers High School, Blackshear High School, Sam Schwaz High School, Hempstead, Texas; and Tuskegee (Institute) High School.

TUSKEGEE TO PLAY RATTLERS IN CLASSIC

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The Tampa Bulletin
Tampa, Fla.

TUSKEGEE INST., Ala.—Cleve L. Abbott, coach of the Golden Tigers, received several Bowl bids immediately after the Tuskegee State game in which State was defeated 33 to 6, Thanksgiving Day. Several prominent business men journeyed from New Orleans to extend the Tuskegee coach a bid to play in the Molasses Bowl game which they hope to inaugurate in the Crescent City. The New Orleans representatives brought along a junior barrel of New Orleans molasses which they expressed the hope the coach would taste while giving consideration to their proposal. Tuskegee has already accepted invitations to play Florida in the Orange Blossom Classic at Orlando on December 6, and will not be available for any more gridiron contests during the current season, the coach stated.

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ANNUAL TUSKEGEE-ALABAMA STATE GRID TILT TO PROVIDE PLENTY OF THRILLS FOR FANS

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The eighteenth Cramton Bowl game to be played between the Hornets of the State Teachers College and the Tigers of Tuskegee Institute here Thursday, Nov. 20, Thanksgiving Day in Alabama, promises to be one of the most interesting and thrilling of a series which has stood out eminently for its thrills ever since its inaugural in 1924 from which date it has been an annual affair for the many friends of both institutions in Montgomery and the nation. Tuskegee has a decided edge in games won and lost, 11-4, and the Hornets are determined to shorten the gap in the coming encounter. Two games have resulted in ties.

That commanding edge in the series was built up during the years of the great Tuskegee teams from 1923 to 1933 when the Abbott coached teams won Southern Intercollegiate Championships every year except 1931 only three Conference games in the nine-year interval. Three other games were lost to non-Conference foes. In the same interval, the Tigers were acclaimed as National Negro Champions three times. This invincible array of Tiger teams took the Hornet measure seven times but was stalemated twice by them. 0-0 in 1927 for the only blot on a perfect record, and 6-6 in the following year.

Since the passing of these great teams, the Hornets have played the Tigers on even terms, winning four and losing four during the years 1934 on. All Hornet victories have come under the tutelage of Rufus Lewis, former Hornet and hence a one time participant in the colorful series. Only one other coach in the Conference can boast such a record against Abbott and that is Ted Wright at Xavier whose 4-3 edge enjoyed up to this Fall was squared at four all back in September when the Golden Avalanche poured on four touchdowns in the last half to win, 25-6.

Comparative scores in a series of the grudge nature such as this mean little, but the Hornet-Tiger comparison for this year seems to point to two evenly matched elevens. Tuskegee took Xavier 25-6 in Tuskegee and the Hornet-Xavier score in New Orleans was 27-13; Morris Brown beat Tuskegee 29-6 in Atlanta and State 26-6 here in Montgomery; Tuskegee rallied to score two touchdowns in the final quarter to beat Morehouse 20-7 after trailing 7-6 at the half over at Columbus, and State rallied to score a lone touchdown and come from behind to beat Morehouse 6-2 in the final quarter in Atlanta. Thus both teams have common wins over Morehouse and Xavier, and an almost identical defeat at the hands of Morris Brown.

The Hornets returned to the practice field yesterday afternoon to drill to stop Tuskegee passes and worked until darkness put an end to operations. Two more heavy sessions are in store for the Hornets who are entirely willing and bent on only one thing—taking some of the impressiveness out of that Tuskegee record of seven wins and a single loss.

Tickets for the game are now on sale at Dean's, Pitts', Hornet Grill, and May and Green.

Every enlisted man in uniform will be able to see the Tuskegee Institute-State Normal football game at a greatly reduced price, according to announcement made last night. Through arrangements made by Harold McGlynn and Lindley Hatfield, directors in charge of the U. S. O. and Soldiers Center, the uniformed men can secure reserved tickets at the price of seventy-five cents.

McGlynn stated that these tickets would go on sale at May and Green Wednesday, and would remain there until noon Thursday, and after this, the tickets could be purchased at any window at Cramton Bowl.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Lincoln At Tuskegee Homecoming, Nov. 15

NOV 15 1941

By R. S. DARNABY

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The largest crowd in several years to assemble in Tuskegee's historic alumni bowl will gather here Saturday, Nov. 15 for the Lincoln university of Pennsylvania versus Tuskegee football game.

The Lincoln-Tuskegee series began in 1926 at Franklin field, the University of Pennsylvania, and this was one of the most thrilling gridiron battles in which the Tigers have ever engaged. In that game, the Tigers turned back the Lions, 0 to 16. The teams met again in 1927 at Shibe Park, Philadephia. The Tigers won, 30 to 0. The third game between Lincoln and Tuskegee was played in the Alumni bowl at the institute on Christmas day, 1931 and the score was 19 to 0 in favor of the Tigers.

Ten years have passed since Lincoln and Tuskegee have faced each other, but it always has been due to certain Conference commitments that it has not been possible to renew the series until this year.

The Lincoln team, under the tutelage of Coaches Manuel Rivero, Columbia, '32 and Jerome Holland, Cornell, '39 will come to the campus with an excellent cast of clever football players. Members of the team have been primed for the Tuskegee game and its understood that they have not entered a gridiron battle this year more determined to win than they will the Tuskegee engagement.

Lincoln scouts who have seen the Tigers in action have praised the gridiron performances of Dennis Stewart and company and have devised means and methods to halt the march of the mystery men.

Lincoln's line is on a par with Tuskegee's front wall, but the Tiger backfield is much lighter. Lincoln's ends, however, are speedier than the Tuskegee wingmen. Collington, Harris, Dabney and Boyle, Lincoln ends are expected to stand out when on the field.

Tiger players were pleased when it became known that Archie McClinton, center and Jacob Ross,

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tackle, who have been on the injured list, will be available for duty Saturday and dispatched a message to their Eastern adversary reading: "We are ready; Let the Lions Roar."

Homecoming activities will begin Friday night with a celebration which will be held in the parking lot near "The Oaks." President F. D. Patterson will welcome the visitors to the institute. Other speakers will include Dr. W. T. Fontaine, Lincoln, '30; Capt. Alvin J. Neely, executive secretary of the Tuskegee Alumni association and Willis I. Peek, president of the general alumni. Former Tiger football stars will be presented.

The Tuskegee band of 80 pieces, Capt. Frank L. Dyre, conducting will furnish the intermission feature. Ralpheen Reed, one of the nations' most publicized drum majorettes and Robert Johnson, who stages a one-man show whenever and wherever he takes the field, will do the fronting for the Crimson Pipers.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Tuskegee To Play Florida At Orlando

NOV 22 1941

Orange Blossom Game Set For December 6

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tuske-

gee Institute's Golden Tiger aggregation has accepted an invitation to play Florida A. and M. College in the Orange Blossom classic scheduled for Orlando, Fla., December 6, it was announced early this week by the Florida A. and M. College administration.

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The Tigers, with only one loss this season, got the nod over several other colleges with good records because of the power demonstrated this season, which has been their best on the past few years. . . Florida has dropped only one decision so far. The Morris Brown Wolverines topped the Famcee Rattlers here in Tallahassee earlier in the season.

The Peach Blossom classic is an anual affair. This is the ninth such game since the series has been inaugurated.

The game will be played at Orlando's new stadium and is expected to draw 15,000 persons.

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Tuskegee Tops State Hornets By 33-6 Score

Sawyer And Sams Pace Tigers To Triumph Over Teachers

NOV 21 1941

By MAX MOSELEY
Advertiser Sports Editor

Tuskegee's great offensive powerhouse, led by two outstanding running backs, Upshaw Sams and Arthur Sawyer, who ran wild to score twice each, continued their impressive scoring record yesterday afternoon in Cramton Bowl as they handed Alabama State's plucky Hornets a 33 to 6 defeat in their annual Thanksgiving Day battle before a record crowd of some 11,000 spectators.

The once-beaten machine of Coach Cleve Abbott, displayed plenty of zip, courage and finesse as they rocked along with plenty of class until given a scoring opportunity, then they struck with plenty of speed and power for their six-pointers.

Alabama State had a well-drilled offense and flashed an outstanding running back in Joe Crenshaw, who played most of the game and must have run with the ball four dozen times, but the Hornets' hard running attack was stopped four times within the shadow of Tuskegee's goal. In the first period they were stopped on the three; in the second on the 17; in the third on the one, and in the fourth again on the one.

Tuskegee broke the ice in the first quarter by scoring a safety when they tackled Tarrant behind the goal line attempting to kick the ball out.

Midway the second period Robinson pitched a 22-yard pass to Sawyer for the first Tiger six-pointer to touch off a 65-yard drive. Robinson had recovered State's fumble on the Tiger 35 to start the march. Ivey's attempt for the extra point was no good.

Three minutes later after five plays from the kickoff, Robinson pitched another strike—to the speedy and elusive Sams who grabbed the toss about midfield and outran the Hornet secondary to score. The play was good for 56 yards. Robinson booted the extra point and Tuskegee led, 15-0.

Alabama State received the kickoff, Crenshaw carrying the ball back to his own 36. Then they drove 64 yards for their lone marker, Crenshaw pitching to Cheatham 12 yards for the score. The try for the point was wild, 15-6.

Aided by a clipping penalty following Van Cleve's pass interception, Tuskegee drove to another score on the last play of the first half. Ross bucked the ball over from the one-yard line.

Sams and Sawyer alternated at carrying the pigskin for another score two minutes after the second half kickoff. Sawyer drove over from the one. Robinson's attempted place kick was wild. Score, 27-6.

Tiger-Hornet Facts

	Tuskegee	Ala. State
First downs	13	17
Yds. rushing	190	266
Yds. lost att. rushing	-34	-32
Net yds. rushing ..	156	234
Forward passes att.	12	18
Passes complete ...	7	7
Passes incomplete ..	5	5
Passes int. by enemy	6	0
Yds. gained passing	140	127
Punts	12	6
Av. yd. punts	36	38
Passes Int. for t. d.	1*	0

(*—Sams-56 yards.)

Late in the third quarter, Tuskegee's great little back, Sams, intercepted a wild State pass on his own 43 and raced 57 yards through the entire Hornet team for the final score of the game. Sams was given some beautiful downfield blocking on the play. It was an exciting gallop and was easily the most thrilling play of the game. The try for the point was no good and the game wound up, 33-6.

Both teams displayed plenty of talent. Alabama State's Elvie Sullinger, John Leftwich and Yancey Griggs did fine work in the line while Crenshaw, Cheatham and Tate were the big guns in the backfield.

Tuskegee's Dennis Stewart, Lonnie Fyles and Charles Perry featured in the line while Sams, Sawyer and Robinson starred in the backfield, although the Tigers unleashed a trio of "scat backs" in Raymond Head, Herman Anderson and William Shaw, that chalked up plenty of yardage while they were in the ball game.

Rival bands of the two schools, as well as the State championship Hornet high school band, put on quite a show at the half.

Lineups and summary:

Tuskegee	Pos.	Ala. State
Perry	LE	.... White
Fuller	LT	...... Griggs
Stewart	LG	... A. Jackson
Bowman	C	.... Mason
Ross	RG	.... Leftwich
Brown	RT	.... Sauls
Ivey	RE	.... Sullinger
Tate	QB	.... Robinson
Crenshaw	LH	.... Sams
Cheatham ...	RH	...... Sawyer
Ellis	FB	...... Smiley

Score by periods:

	1	2	3	4	Total
Tuskegee	2	19	12	0	—33
Ala. State	0	6	0	0	— 6

Scoring Tuskegee touchdowns: Sawyer, 2, Sams 2, Van Cleve. Safety, Tarrant tackled behind line. Alabama State: Cheatham.

Officials: Harvey (Colgate) referee; Mosley (Morehouse) umpire; Hawkins (Knoxville) head linesman; Young (Chicago Defender) field judge.

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Tuskegee Trips 'Bama, 33-6

NOV 21 1941

10,000 Brave Rain To Witness Contest

By EMORY O. JACKSON

MONTGOMERY Ala. — (SNS)— Tuskegee cut loose with a brilliant 19-point scoring surge in the second period to establish a lead which mounted until they defeated the Alabama Hornets 33 to 6 at Cramton Bowl Thanksgiving before a record-setting attendance.

Over 10,000 fans came through rain which fell all morning but slacked just before game time. An exchange of punts in the out set of the game placed Alabama back on their own 5 yard line. Leo Tarrant of Birmingham, nationally famous sprinter designated as an end, was rushed into a backfield slot by the Hornet coaches. In attempting a touchdown play, the old stature of liberty trick, Tarrant fumbled and Cheatham recovered behind the Hornet goal line, giving Tuskegee a safety and two points. Tuskegee led 2 to 0 at the end of the first period.

Sawyer, Sams, and Ross scored one touchdown apiece in the second. Sawyer went 16 yards for the first touchdown, Sams carried a pass 54 yards for the second one, and Ross drove over from the one yard line.

Joe Crenshaw, of Birmingham, who netted 140 yards, threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Cheatham.

A Hornet fumble and 15 yard penalty gave Tuskegee the ball on Alabama's 27. A series of plays placed the ball on the two where Ross went over. Ross carried the ball twice only three yards, but scored two touchdowns.

18 first downs to 13 by Tuskegee, Tuskegee completed 7 of 12 passes for 90 yards and intercepted 6. Alabama connected with 7 of 18 passes for 127 yards. The Hornets netted 140 yards to 156 by Tuskegee.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee's Outstanding Star To Play Final Game Thursday

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Nov. 17— When Upshaw Sams appears with the Tuskegee eleven in the Tiger-Hornet game at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 20, it will be his last appearance as a member of the Tuskegee football team, unless, of course, the Tigers receive and accept a Bowl bid.

With the departure of Sams, Tuskegee's great two-mile relay team will be broken up. Marvin Fretwell and Louis Slade were graduated during the past academic year. Raymond Head remains to carry on. With the departure of Sams in May, 1942, another great Tuskegee athlete will have written his record in the books.

Last year Sams was injured just before the Thanksgiving-State game and was unable to participate in the Dixie Classic. Many of the experts believe that Sams' absence from the game slowed up Tuskegee's running attack. Sams is a great open field runner and a hard man to catch when sprung into the open.

Coach Abbott has been busy for the past several days devising a series of running plays with Sams as the ball carrier. If the Tuskegee line holds the fans will see the finest exhibition of broken field running that has been staged in the Bowl since the days of Ben Stevenson, James McCarthy, Eristus Sams (Upshaw's brother) and Oziah Johnson. Incidentally, it is recalled that Eristus Sams in his last game against State, several seasons ago, made the last touchdown in that game. Upshaw Sams will endeavor to establish a similar record.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Tuskegee 'T' Formation Big Headache To Wilberforce

OCT 15 1941

CHICAGO—(A N P)—An alert Tuskegee team well versed in the intricacies of the currently famous "T" formation turned the Green Wave from Wilberforce into a harmless ripple before 10,000 spectators at Soldier's field on the Lake front Friday night. The score, 26 to 7, was the worst beating the boys from Ohio have received in the 12 years history of the annual pigskin spectacle.

If there were any heroes on the best looking team Coach Cleve Abbott has brought here in recent years, they were Robert Ivey, right end from Mansfield, La., and George Robinson, quarterback from Hiawatha, Kan.

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LIGHTNING START

The game was hardly two minutes old before the boys from 'Bam' showed this was their night. On the first 'Force punt attempt, from the Ohio 5 yard line, Ivey broke through and blocked Qualls' effort, the ball bounding over the goal line where Richard Lewis fell on it far six points. Ivey converted. A few minutes later Qualls again tried to kick out and Ivey broke through to block the oval on the 'Force 7. On fourth down Robinson passed to Ivey in the end zone and Tuskegee led, 13 to 0, when Ivey's try for point was wide.

Wilberforce fought back in the second quarter, running up seven first downs with a 22-yard jaunt by Fields and a 28-yard excursion by Ebbs being major factors. Tuskegee got the ball once to the Wilberforce 6 but lost it on downs.

GREEN WAVE SCORES

In the third period, the southerners drove from their 27 to the Green Wave's 9 where Sams shot off tackle on fourth down to score standing up. The attempted conversion failed. Wilberforce bounced back and seemed headed for a touchdown, aided by an 1[illegible] yard dash by Capt. Jack Bar[illegible] when a Hart heave was shared by Robinson on his own five. A Hart to Qualls pass gained four yards and Bill Fields plunged over with Berry converting.

Pos.	Tuskegee (26)	Wilberforce (7)
LE	Hornburger	Viney
LT	Lewis	Schneby
LG	Stewart (Capt.)	S. Robinson
C	Bowman	Law
RG	Ross	Holmes
RT	J. Brown	Walton
RE	Ivey	Lofton
Q	G. Robinson	Ebbs
RH	Sawyer	Hart (Capt.)
LH	Sams	Qualls
FB	Van Cleve	C. Brown

Touchdowns: Tuskegee—Lewis, Ivey, Sams, G. Robinson. Wilberce—Fields. Extra point: Tuskegee—Ivey (2). Wilberforce—Berry (1). Officials: N. Rivers (Talladega) Referee; Mel Whedbee (Fisk) Umpire; Virgil Blueitt (Lane Tech.) Head Linesman. Frank A. Young (Chicago) Field Judge.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

TIGERS CLAW 'FORCE, 26-7

10,000 on Hand at Soldiers' Field as Tuskege's Golden Tigers Crush Fighting Ohio Team with Deceptive "T" Offense.

By WENDELL SMITH
Sports Editor

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Roaring through the crisp autumn night with the throttle wide open like a northbound Dixie flyer . . . Tuskegee's Golden Tigers over-ran and side-tracked a gallant Wilberforce pigskin caravan here tonight on the silken turf of Soldiers Field before 10,000 amazed fans by a score of 26 to 7.

Churned by a host of power-driving backs and fired by a charging, steam-roller line, Tuskegee's "Gridiron Special" roared down the track to victory at record-breaking speed and "pulled in" with the smoothness and ease of a stream-lined zephyr . . . leaving in its wake a powerless, creaking, over-due Buckeye "local" that was unable to maintain the terrific pace nor haul the tremendous load of Tuskegee freight from the outset.

Tonight, under the glaring lights of this gigantic, spacious football arena, the Wilberforce train suffered the same fate as the "Ole 99" . . . it "blew up" before it ever got under way!

SAMS, ROBINSON SPARKLES

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Paced by two brilliant pigskin engineers, willowy, fleet-footed Upshaw Sams, from down in Beaumont, Texas, and cagey, speedy George Robinson, the "Kansas Klipper" . . . Tuskegee made four "touchdown stops" on its dazzling triumphant dash. Wilberforce felt the sting of the "Bama Blitz" twice in the initial quarter and twice in the third stanza.

'FORCE SCORES ONCE

In the dying minutes of the fourth quarter the Ohioans got up enough steam to push across their one and only score of the game . . . an effort that was of little signifance at that late date . . . . but nevertheless testimony to the fact that they never quit trying or gave up in the face of unsurmountable odds.

The Alabama locomotive gave early evidence of its superiority in the first minutes of the opening quarter when Milan Qualls tried to punt Wilberforce out of danger from the 10-yard stripe . . and Robert Ivey, pass snatching, hard charging terminal from Mansfield, La., broke through to block the kick. When the oval bounded back across the Wilberforce goal line, Dick Lewis, Ivey's 200-pound "homie," from Ruston, La., a stellar tackle, pounced on the ball with the agility of a jungle cat for Tuskegee's first score. Louisiana got full credit for the play when Ivey booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

IVEY STANDS OUT

Ivey, who was a thorn in Wilberforce's side throughout the battle, scored Tuskegee's second touchdown a few plays later, when he took a bullet pass hurled by 'George the Great' Robinson from the 12 in the end zone, after "Abott's Angles" had marched 35 yards in six plays to the Wilberforce 5. In this brilliant drive to pay dirt, halfbacks Sams and Raymond Head, and Fullback Whitney Van Cleve ripped the opposing line to shreds. Ivey tried to place-kick the extra point, but missed and Tuskegee was out in front 13 to 0.

Upshaw Sams, Tuskegee's terror from Texas, chalked up the third marker for the glittering Tigers. Starting on their own 27, Tuskegee marched 73 yards on passes and a deceptive ground attack, with Robinson, Sams, Sawyer and Van Cleve leading the way, in the third period. Robinson's passing and the precision of the backfield made this touchdown possible. With the ball on the 27, Robinson started the fireworks with a pass to Ivey which was completed on the Tuskegee 40 and finally stopped on the 'Force 45. Tuscaloosa, Alabama's gift to Tuskegee, Art Sawyer, picked up seven yards at left tackle, and Robinson's pass to Sams on the 31 the following play gave the Tigers a first down. Another pass by the same combination was good for nine yards, and then Sawyer ripped the center of the Wilberforce line for 12 more, putting the ball in the shadow of the goal.

Sams shook off four frantic tacklers and romped 8 yards for the touchdown on the next play.

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George Robinson provided the thrill-run of the game for Tuskegee's fourth and final score soon after Sams had registered his marker. Robinson, who hails from Hiawatha, Kansas, snared a Wilberforce pass on the Tuskegee 8 and did an Indian war dance as he reeled off a sensational 92-yard run for a touchdown.

INTERCEPTS PASS

He snared the pass to stem a Wilberforce drive that had netted 49 yards and carried them to the Tuskegee 27. The pass was thrown by Captain James Hart, who was playing before a home-town crowd. Robinson stepped in and snared the ball on the 8. He romped the remaining 92 yards for the fourth and final Tuskegee score. Ivey's placement this second, in four tries, was good.

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Wilberforce's only score was made possible when Herman Anderson,s Tuskegee halfback, was nailed on the Tuskegee 5 before he could get a punt away. Milan Qualls and Captain Hart, both of whom stood out for Wilberforce, combined efforts on a short pass and placed the ball on the Tuskegee 1-yard line. Qualls, Los Angeles speed king, heaved the aerial to Hart, who was nailed in his tracks on the 4. Two plays later Bill Fields, Worthington, O., halfback, cracked through for the lone Wilberforce score. Wallace Barry, of Oxford, Ill., contributed to the act considerably by rushing into the game and booting the extra point with the coolness and finesse of a veteran cinema star.

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Tuskegee's victory was its second of the current season against one loss. Coach Cleve Abbott had his charges primed for the Ohio eleven and introduced his version of the famous "T" formation, which thrilled the classic throng and baffled the gallant Bull Dogs.

Wilberforce's green, inexperienced team was unable to cope with the speed and deception of the Alabama invaders. Captain Brown, Milan Qualls, Elbert Ebbs stood out in the Wilberforce backfield, but they were unable to gallop through Tuskegee's stubborn line.

Although the Alabama eleven was by far the superior and was never in danger, the spectacular setting and colorful crowd compensated for whatever was lacking in competition.

TOUGH TIGER!

Pos.	Wilberforce	Tuskegee
L.E.	Viney	Hornberger
L T	Schnebly	Lewis
L.G.	Robinson	Stewart
C.	Law	Bowman
R.G.	Holmes	Ross
R.T.	Walton	J. Brown
R.E.	Lofton	Ivey
Q.B.	Ebbs	Robinson
L.H.	Qualls	Sams
R.H.	Hart	Sawyer
F.B.	C. Brown	Van Cleve

Tuskegee scoring: Lewis, Ivey, Sams, Robinson.

Point after touchdown: Ivey (2); (Placekick).

Wilberforce scoring: Fields.

Point after touchdown: Barry, (Placekick).

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Make It 4 Straight—

Tuskegee In 5th Victory

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By J. D. McGhee

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — Coach Cleve L. Abbott's Tuskegee Golden Tigers won their fifth 1941 game and fourth in a row Saturday as they outscored the air-minded South Carolina State Bulldogs 33 to 12.

State outgained Tuskegee 211 yards to 155 on scrimmage rushes and passes, bagging 10 first downs to seven for the Abbottmen, but inability to sustain repeated bids from inside the Tiger 10-yard line whittled down the several golden opportunities with which the men of Ollie Dawson, Paul Webber and DeLoss Berry were presented.

Tuskegee drew first blood and completely dominated the first period, scoring twice. Arthur Sawyer ant-sized tailback from Tuscaloosa, Ala., intercepted Hank McCullough's heave on his own 30-yard line and raced 70 madcap yards along the east sidelines across the north goal for a touchdown. Marion Smiley missed the conversion.

A well-timed pass, George Robinson to Robert Ivey, clicked for a completion of 35 yards at the South Carolina State 40, with Ivey galloping the remaining distance for a touchdown. Robinson made good the placement.

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Martin scored State's first touchdown. Turner missed the placement. Sams swung around State's left end for Tuskegee's third touchdown. Ivey made good the extra point and Tuskegee led 20 to 6.

But State came back like lightning to throw consternation into the Tuskegee rank shortly after the kick-off. Theodore Martin intercepted Robinson's pass on the Tuskegee 32. Tuskegee drew a 15-yard roughing penalty to the 17. Then, a pass McCullough to Columbus Stanley was good on the Tuskegee three. Carnelius Ford caught a pass from McCullough, but he was outside the end zone and it was ruled incomplete. On the following play, McCullough's pass, intended for Stanley, was batted down by a Tuskegee back, but Captain Gordon caught the ball on its way to the ground and fell across the goal line for a touchdown, narrowing the count to 20 to 12, as the massive throng of State rooters went wild. The half ended a few minutes later with the score unchanged.

The final half was a bitterly contested affair, marked by very spirited but not ungentlemanly play. Tuskegee, on superior resourcefulness, managed to strike pay dirt two more times in the remaining 30 minutes, but State had just as many opportunities, simply lacking the vital punch needed from close-in.

Tuskegee moved out in front 26 to 12 in the third period when she climaxed a 24-yard drive with Sawyer going over the one-yard line. Ivey's placement was void. The final tally of the game came in the fourth quarter when Charles Ferry, Savannah boy playing left end for Tuskegee, intercepted McCullough's pass on the State 37 and galloped untouched for a touchdown. Ivey's placement clicked and the final count was 33 to 12.

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Tuskegee (33)		South Carolina (12)
Perry	LE	Ford
Lewis	LT	Thomas
Stewart (c)	LG	Hespeath
Bowman	C	Gordon (c)
Brown	RG	Turner
Jones	RT	Myers
Ivey	RE	Stanley
Robinson	QB	Huff
Sams	LH	Moore
Sawyer	RH	McCullough
Smiley	FB	Reeder

Substitutions: Tuskegee—Sarter, Long, Harmburger, Vancllef, Fuller, Flyles, Oruck. South Carolina—Martin, Weaver, Ferguson, Begner, Spencer, White, Gunyard.

Referee, T. J. Knox (Talladega); umpire, H. L. Mosely (Morehouse); head linesman, L. D. Perry (Atlanta U.); field judge, Lucius L. Jones (Clark).

BETHUNE NO MATCH FOR 'SKEGEE ELEVEN

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Amid cheers, tears, thrills and spills, Tuskegee Institute of Alabama, whipped Bethune-Cookman of Daytona Beach by a score of 25-0 at Phillips Field on Saturday night before 8,000 fans, one of the largest football crowds of the year, states ones of the dailies; also, one of the biggest football crowds ever to witness a classic here in the deep south among Negroes.

The southside was filled to its capacity, Negroes had to go over on the northside, reserved for white fans and use the seats that were not occupied. White fans filled at least three-quarters of the seats on the northside.

The Tampa Bulletin

Last year Bethune won from Tuskegee, 6-0, but this year Bethune was no match for the Alabamans, who outclassed the Florida team from the beginning to the bitter end. The game was packed with thrills all the way through. Fans were well satisfied that they had received their money's worth. Because the scores stood as they were, 25-0 don't be kidded that it was a pushover, for Tuskegee had a continuous scuffle—but at the end, victory.

Tampa, Fla.

Everything was done in high style, the press box was filled, the announcer, giving minute details of every play, of every player sent in to relieve the regulars.

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During the half Bethune-Cookmans' 20 majorettes paraded forming the initials B-C, Tuskegee's 80-piece band followed, each player with small colored lights on his feet, hat and instrument as the stadium lights were put out and the exhibit of the evening was on. They marched in formations and formed letter "T", two midget size kids led by the director kept perfect time, batons were swinging with lights on each end, feet rising and falling in perfect tempo. The performance ended with the band playing "God Bless America" joined by the crowd singing. Yes, it was something you don't see every day—but once a year—don't miss next year's classic.

This columnist had a chat with Robert Frierson, one of the bandsmen, quite an interesting chap. He informed me about the lights they use for performances in detail and it was amazing to find that the set up isn't as expensive as it seems but much care has to be taken for the perfection of its operation.

Places to go After The Game

Never in the history of Tampa have so many people gathered for a one-day event. People from Key West to Pensacola pulled a "blitzkrieg" on Tampa, hotels were overcrowded, beer gardens, not even standing room, crowds waiting their turns in after theater places, streets crowded, traffic at a complete standstill, traffic cops wondering what to do next. Yes, that was Tampa after the game, in the vicinity of Central Ave. and Scott St., business was excellent all over.

The press speaks for the masses at this juncture, to acknowlege the fine cooperative spirit the white press helped to make this classic "The Tilt of the Maroon and Gold" the biggest event sponsord by these two Negro colleges ever to grace our shores.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee. State Clash Here Thursday

The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute will clash with the State Teachers College Hornets in Cramton Bowl Thanksgiving Day in the 20th renewal of the colorful grid rivalry that started in the Bowl in 1922.

Of the 19 games played, Tuskegee has won 13 with 'Bama winning four and two ending in ties.

After suffering 12 straight setbacks, the Hornets won their first contest from the Tigers in 1934 by a 6-2 score and since have won three others, including a the war that was to make the world ... from all other Hitler-like at-

Three Hornet regulars will be wearing the Gold and Black for the last time. They are: Quarterback Carvin Crowe, Tackle Yancey Griggs, and End Elvie Sulliger. Crowe is the only doubtful starter of this trio due to an injury received in the Lane College skirmish Oct. 18.

Hornet coaches are counting heavily on "Big John" Leftwich, 300-pound guard, and a triple-threat halfback, Joe Crenshaw. Al Jones, a dependable tailback and rated the most valuable freshman player last year, is suffering from a pulled leg muscle, however, he is expected to see some service in the homecoming fray.

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The three "S" men of the Tuskegee backfield, Sams, Smiley and Sawyer, have played a great part in the success of the Golden Avalanche all season and are expected to play a major part in Thursday's game.

Comparative scores make the two elevens rate about even, therefore a nip-and-tuck battle is expected.

According to Capt. R. S. Darnaby, of the Tuskegee ticket sales committee, the ducats are going fast and a record crowd is expected to view the tilt.

Those who plan to attend the game are urged to make their purchases early in order to avoid the usual congestion at the Bowl's ticket window.

The game will get underway at 1:30 o'clock central standard time.

Tickets are on sale at Dean's, Pitt's, Hornet Grill, and May and Green's.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Tuskegee Women's Records Rank With World's Best in Track

Top Those of Other Countries Handily

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., —Track and field marks at the annual South American championships for women, which were held at Buenos Aires April 26 to May 4 inclusive, reveal some interesting results when compared with the marks made by Tuskegee's famous women's track and field team in the light of the fact that the Pan-American games are scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires in 1942.

The 100 meter dash was won by Lelia Spuhr of Argentina in the time of 26.1 seconds. Hester Brown has a best time of 26 seconds flat in this event. Also Rowena Harrison and Lucy Newell have run the 200 meters in 26 seconds. The 80 meter hurdles event was won by Crisca Jane Giese of Brazil in 12.2 and Lelia Perry has topped the timbers for this distance in 12.4 seconds.

The high jump was also won by Lelia Spuhr of Argentina at 4 feet, 1 inch. Alice Coachman has a best height of 5 feet, 4 inches. She has been the National A.A.U., Outdoor champion for two years. She has also won the indoor title and accomplished this feat this Spring. Lelia Perry can also reach a height of 5 feet, 1 inch in the high jump.

The running broad jump was won by Ildumist Kastodorff of Uruguay with a leap of 16 feet, 9-1-2 inches. Lucy Newell has a best jump of 18 feet 3inches in competition. She is also the National Indoor champion in the standing broad jump.

The shot put was won by Irma Mello de Preiss of Argentina with a distance of 38 feet, 9 inches. Hattye Hall has a best effort of 39 feet.

Cristel Balde of Chile threw the discus 116 feet, 9 1-2 inches to win this event.

Margaret Barnes has a best distances of 122 feet in competiton, and in practice Christine Long has consistently thrown the spear over 120 feet.

Argentina won the 440 meter relay with a time of 51.2 seconds. Tuskegee has won the National Outdoor championship in this event for the last three years and also broke the accepted indoor world's record by 0.5 seconds at Atlantic City this Spring. Lucy Newell, Hester Brown, Lelia Perry and Rowena Harrison whirled around the oval in 50.3 seconds.

Outdoor Team A, composed of Lucy Newell, Lelia Perry, Alice Coachman and Rowena Harrison, can do 49 seconds flat; and the B team of Hattye Hall, Hester Brown, Mamie Taylor and Lillie Purifoy can do 50 seconds flat.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

MISS WALSH KEEPS BROAD-JUMP TITLE

Leaps 18 Feet 6¾ Inches at National A. A. U. Games—Mrs. Fellmeth Wins

By The Associated Press.

OCEAN CITY, N. J., July 5—Miss Stella Walsh, Cleveland star, easily defended her running broad-jump laurels at the sixteenth annual national A. A. U. women's track and field championships today.

She leaped 18 feet 6¾ inches, well below her American record of 19 feet 4 8-10 inches, but still eight inches better than Miss Lucy Newell, Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute, who placed second.

The margin of three-eighth of an inch enabled Mrs. Catherine Fellmeth of Chicago to retain her eight-pound shot-put title. She had a toss of 37 feet ⅜ inch to edge out Miss Dorothy Dodson, also of Chicago and, like Mrs. Fellmeth, competing unattached.

Miss Alice Coachman gave the defending team champion, Tuskegee, its first victory when she won the high jump at 5 feet 2¾ inches.

THE SUMMARIES

TRACK EVENTS

50-Meter Dash—Won by Lucy Newell, Turkegee Institute; second, Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg A. A.; third, Claire Isicson, Long Island University; fourth, Mamie Taylor, Turkegee Institute; fifth, Rita Corrigan, Polish Olympic Women's A. C.; sixth, Margery Hall, Philadelphia Moose. Time—0:06.6.

100-Meter Dash—Wn by Jean Lane, Wilberforce; second, Alice Coachman, Turkegee Institute; third, Rowena Harrison, Turkegee Institute; fourth, Margaret Wigeser, Eastern Women's A. C., Brooklyn; fifth, Janet Ellicott, St. Clair A. C., Toronto; sixth, Theresa Hanley, Red Diamond A. C., Boston. Time—0:12.4.

200-Meter Dash—Won by Jean Lane, Wilberforce University; second, Stella Walsh, Polish Olympic Women's A. C.; third, Hester Brown, Turkegee Institute; fourth, Betsy Carey, Tuskegee Institute; fifth, Betty Charters, Philadelphia Moose; sixth, Olive Hasenfus, Boston Swimming Association. Time—0:25.2 (new A. A. U. record; old record, 0:25.4, set by Stella Wash, 1935).

400-Meter Relay—Won by Turkegee Institute Team A (Lucy Newell, Leila Perry, Rowena Harrison and Alice Coachman); second, Turkegee Institute Team B; third, Philadelphia Moose Team A; Fourth, St. Clair A. C., Toronto; fifth, Red Diamond A. C., Boston; sixth, Philadelphia Moose Team B. Time—0:50.

80-Meter Hurdles—Won, by Leila Perry, Tuskegee Institute; second, Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee Institute; third, Hilda Plepis, Philadelphia Moose; fourth, Nancy Cowperthwaite, German-American A. C.; Brooklyn; fifth, Gladys Crisman, Rhode Island Cinder Lassies; sixth, Helen McKee, Philadelphia Moose. Time—0:13.2.

FIELD EVENTS

Eight-Pound Shot-Put—Won by Catherine Fellmeth, unattached, Chicago; second, Dorothy Dodson, unattached, Chicago; third, Hattie Hall, Tuskegee Institute; fourth, Caroline Yetter, Philadelphia Moose; fifth, Margaret Wigeser, Eastern Women's A. C., Brooklyn; sixth, Kay Geary, Philadelphia Turners. Distance—37 feet ⅜ inch.

Running Broad Jump—Won by Stella Walsh, Polish Olympic Women's Athletic Club, Cleveland; second, Lucy Newell, Tuskegee Institute; third, Betty Charters, Philadelphia Moose; fourth, Jeanette Jones, Harrisburg A. A.; fifth, Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee Institute; sixth, Norma Carless, St. Clair A. C., Toronto. Distance—18 feet 6¾ inches.

Running High Jump—Won by Alice Coachman, Tuskegee Institute; second, Norma Jeffrey, Chicago Park Hurricanes; third, Lelia Perry, Tuskegee Institute; fourth, Jean Mc Harvey, Philadelphia Moose; fifth, tie between Elizabeth Clancy, German-American A. C., New York and Claire Barcikowski, Polish Olympic Women's A. C. Height—5 feet 2¾ inches.

Discus Throw—Won by Stella Walsh, Polish Olympic Women's Athletic Club, Cleveland; second, Evelyn Taylor, Taylor A. C., La Grange, Ill.; third, Mrs. Catherine Fellmeth, unattached, Chicago; fourth, Hattie Hall, Tuskegee Institute; fifth, Carolyn Yetter, Philadelphia Moose; sixth, Elizabeth Delone, Harrisburg A. A. Distance—113 feet 10⅛ inches.

Javelin Throw—Won by Dorothy Dodson, unattached, Chicago; second, Marion Twining, Philadelphia Moose; third, Marie Sostar, Harrisburg A. A.; fourth, Angela Mica, St. Louis A. C.; fifth, Katherine O'Connell, Boston Swimming Association; sixth, Jean McGunnegle, Boston Swimming Association. Distance—128 feet 7⅛ inches.

Baseball Throw—Won by Angela Mica, St. Louis A. C.; second, Batsey Jochum, unattached, Cincinnati; third, Jean McGunnegle, Boston Swimming Association; fourth, Margaret Wigeser, Eastern Women's A. C., Brooklyn; fifth, Marion Twining, Philadelphia Moose; sixth, Irene Romano, Eastern Women's A. C. Distance—260 feet 10⅞ inches.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jean Lane Clashes With Stella Walsh In Ocean City

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Members of Tuskegee's crack women's track and field team left the campus today for Ocean City, New Jersey, the scene of a former triumph, where they will participate in the National A. A. U. Championships, which will take place on Saturday.

The squad of ten girls that Coach Christine Evans Petty is taking this year, while not as formidable as championship teams of other years, are determined to give a good account of themselves. This group of ten girls holds not only the team championship, but also four individual championships, either indoors or outdoors, as well as the world's indoor 400 meter indoor relay record which they set in Atlantic City in the 1941 meet.

The team of Lucy Newel, Hester Brown, Rowena Harrison and Leila Perry lowered the record from 50.8 seconds to 50.3 seconds. Relay team "A" this year has been arranged d ifferently from the indoor season. The four girls to defend their outdoor relay championship will be Lucy Newell, leading off; Leila Perry, to run the second leg; Rowena Harrison, running the third position, and Alice Coachman, the indoor and outdoor high jump champion, running at anchor.

Other entries are as follows: In the 50 meter run, Lucy Newell, the National indoor standing broad jump champion, will again compete against Jean Lane of Wilberforce University. who barely nosed her out in the 50 meter run last year. Mayme Taylor, a newcomer to big time competition, but who is capable of doing 6.7 seconds, will be the other Tuskegee entry. In the 100 meter run, Alice Coachman and Rowena Harrison have been entered. Three girls are to take part in the 200 meter run, led off by Hester Brown, (Stella Walsh of the Cleveland Polish Olympic Club, was barely able to beat her for second place in the indoor championships) is in the best condition of her career.

Clash With Jean Lane

Christine Lone, a consistent runner, and a newcomer, Betsy Carey, who never had on a track shoe until this year, will try to make Jean Lane, who broke the world's record in this event indoors run near the world's outdoor time. In the hurdles, Lillie Purifoy, National indoor 50 meter champion, and Leila Perry will attempt to gain points in this event. Relay Team "B" will be composed of Hattye Hall to lead off; Mayme Taylor, running second; Betsy Carey, running third, and Hester Brown at anchor.

In the field events the Tigerettes show strength. Hattye Hall, a point winner in previous National indoor and outdoor championships, will take part in the discus throw and shot put. Christine Long, who began working on the javelin throw in the late Spring, has been entered in this event and the baseball throw. In the broad jump, Lucy Newell, along with Lillie Purifoy, are the entrants.

——A Colored Judge——

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Tuskegee's Great Star Wilts in Heat; Loses Bid

McDaniel and Richard Cohen Team to Capture Men's Doubles Championship; Margaret Peters Defeats Sister, Roumania, for Women's Crown

By JOSEPH D. McGHEE

ORANGEBURG, S. C. (Special)—Jimmie McDaniel, Xavier University's great star, defeated Clifford Russell of Tuskegee in the finals of the fifth annual South Carolina open tennis tournament here July 11. Russell, who had defeated McDaniel's teammate, Richard Cohen, in the semi-finals on the previous day, 7-9, 8-6, 6-1, 6-3, wilted from the heat in his try for the championship against the great McDaniel and retired from the play with McDaniel leading, 6-8, 6-4, and 4-2.

McDaniel and Cohen teamed to take the men's doubles title when Clifford Russell, after his retirement in the singles, was unable to report with his partner, Howard Minnis. The Minnis-Russell team on the previous day in the semi-finals defeated the Xavier University team of Joseph King and Robert Ryland, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

Peters Sisters Star

Tuskegee Institute completely dominated the women's division with the team composed of the Peters Sisters, Mayme Stanley, Mrs. Mildred Brown and Mrs. Jessie Abbott.

The Peters Sisters fought it out in the women's singles finals, Margaret defeating Roumania, 6-3, 7-5.

South Carolina players were among the winners and runners up in the other five events on the program sponsored by the Orangeburg Tennis Club and sanctioned by the A. T. A. at South Carolina State A. and M. College, July 9-11. Charles Lewis, Orangeburg, defeated Edward Boney, Richmond, Va., 4-6, 6-4, 10-8, 4-6, 6-4.

Roslyn Daniels Wins

Lewis teamed with Carl Williams to defeat Boney, and William Harris, Orangeburg, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2, in the junior doubles. Roslyn Daniels, of Orangeburg, won the girls' singles title, defeating Louisa Smith, Orangeburg, 6-3, 6-2. Carl Williams, Orangeburg, defeated John Rhodes, Orangeburg, 6-1, 6-2, for the boys' singles title.

Mayme Stanley, Tuskegee, and Edward Boney, defeated Edith Duffie, Spartanburg, and Ollie Dawson, Orangeburg, 6-3, 6-3.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Tuskegee Prepares For National Net Tourney In August

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Erection of new stands on the Championship Courts was begun here this week. The old wooden bleachers were completely destroyed by fire early in June. The new stands, which will seat 1,000 people, will be ready on or about July 20. The Championship Courts, on which the 25th Anniversary Championships of the American Tennis Association will be played August 18th to 23rd inclusive, are being completely resurfaced with Tuskegee's multicolored clays which are mined from the historic old clay pit which furnished the clay from which bricks were burned for all of Tuskegee's older buildings.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

ATA to Celebrate Silver Jubilee

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Reservations for the 25th Jubilee Celebration of the American Tennis Association which will be held at Tuskegee Institute, August 18 to 23 inclusive, are pouring in from California, New York, Illinois, Ohio and Texas, as well as from many other States.

Gerald F. Norman, for twenty-years the executive secretary of the ATA is heading a party from Long Island, New York, which will join the special train leaving New York August 16. Arthur E. Francis, chairman of the transportation committee, is in charge of this train. Already 125 persons have made reservations.

Mrs. Eoline Thornton of Los Angeles, California, is heading a motor party of fifteen persons who will reach the institute on August 15. In this party will be the outstanding men and women players of the Pacific Coast. In the delegation from Chicago will be Dr. and Mrs. Ewell. Mrs. Ewell will return to big-time tennis after a lay-off of a year.

Texas Delegation

The Texas delegation will be headed by that famous coach and player, Charles Lewis. Among the players from Texas will be Mrs. Agnes Lawson, Prarie View, National women's singles champion; Charles Lewis, Jr., National boys' singles champion; Lloyd Scott, former National men's singles champion; and it is expected that Theodore Lawson will team with Mrs. Lawson and play in the mixed doubles championship.

All of these players are from Prairie View State College. With the Texas delegation will be Miss Celestine Hackett of Tillotson College. Miss Hackett startled the Southwest when she defeated Mrs. Agnes Lawson for the Southwestern Championship which was held at Prairie View in June.

A new concrete and steel stand facing courts three and four in the championship battery is being rushed to completion. All of the courts are being carefully gone over by the ground keepers and promise to be in the very best of condition. As all of Tuskegee's fourteen courts are closely grouped together there will be ample practice facilities for everyone.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

To Run Special To Tuskegee For Nationals

Reduced Fare On Special Train; 200 Reservations Made

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Officials of the American Tennis Association revealed this week that they had met the requirements of the B. and O. Railroad and had been assured of a special train to take players and fans to Tuskegee Institute, Ala., for the annual tennis championships which will be run in conjunction with the association's 25th anniversary celebrations, August 18 to 23.

Nearly 200 reservations have already been filed with ATA officials at a round trip cost of $26.10. The Tuskegee special will have air-conditioned coaches with reclining chairs and will make a through journey between the B. and O. terminal in Jersey City, N. J., and Cheehaw, Ala., five miles from the school, where motorized facilities will be provided free of charge by the Tuskegee Tennis Association to complete the journey.

DINING CAR

New York passengers will be picked up at various B. and O. motor coach terminals in New York City and transported free of charge to the Jersey side. The special will have a dining car for the entire trip, with breakfast costing 50 cents and luncheon and dinner 60 cents.

Out-of-town tennis fans may arrange to board the special by observing the following train schedule after completing the necessary arrangements with ATA officials. Departure time from various stopping points is as follows:

From Jersey City, N. J., 8:27 a.m., August 16: from Philadelphia, 10:12 a.m.; from Wilmington, 10:47 a.m.; from Baltimore, 12:05 p.m.; from Washington, D. C., 1:40 p.m. All time given is eastern standard time. The special will reach Atlanta, Ga., 6 a.m., central standard time, August 17, and will leave half-an-hour later for the four-hour-run to Cheehaw. The return trip will start August 24, with the special reaching the New Jersey B. and O. terminal at 5:30 p.m., on August 25.

MUST MAKE DEPOSIT

Reservations for the special close on August 8, at which time the full train fare of $26.10 must be on deposit with Dr. Ivison D. Hoage, president of the American Tennis Association, whose New York address is 241 West 1138th Street.

Dr. Hoage told reporter he hoped that large delegations of Maryland and Virginia fans would be able to make the trip, connecting with the special either at Baltimore or Washington, D. C.

The cost of lodging at Tuskegee Institute is one dollar per night, with meals on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Qiuntet Edges Fisk, 32-31

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TUSKEGEE, ALA., Jan. 6.—Tuskegee's Golden Quint barely nosed out Fisk University in a thrilling season opening basketball game in Logan Hall here Friday night. The 32-31 score was not decided until the very last second of play. The Bulldogs with Ridley, star forward, as their sharpshooter, took command of the floor and led the way until near the close of the half. Perry tossed to tie the score just as the gong sounded for the intermission. The frequent change on the board during the second half made the outcome of the game decidedly uncertain.

The top scoring for the evening was done by Ridley, who sank 7 field goals for a total of 14 points. He failed however, to tie the count 32-all when Tuskegee fouled Fisk in a mad scramble for a loose ball in the final second of play.

Smith and Hornburger led the Tiger attack with 9 and 7 points respectively. Perry and Porter accounted for four points each as well as adding to the effectiveness of the Tigers' floor coverage during the evening.

Tuskegee Loses

In a game that sparkled with brilliance and excitement all the way, Tuskegee was beaten 44-42 by the Virginia Union basketball team, champions of the C. I. A. A., before a packed house in Logan Hall here Saturday afternoon. Both teams played like champions and yielded little during the melee so there was never a marked difference in the score during the entire game. Tuskegee led 25-24 at the half. Davis, playing a remarkably good game for the Virginia team, accounted for 13 points from the field and 5 via the gift zone route, was the high scorer of the afternoon. He topped Blair, his teammate, by one marker, who sank 5 from the floor and 2 from the charity line.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Tuskegee To Play Nine-Game Schedule

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute will play a schedule of nine games during the 1941 football season, it was announced ~~here~~ Monday by the committee on the regulation of athletics.

Lincoln University, Chester County, Pennsylvania, will return to the Tigers' schedule for a game which will be played in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 15. Lincoln men from all sections of the South are expected to come to Tuskegee for this game which has been announced as Tuskegee's homecoming occasion. The occasion also affords an opportunity for members of the Lincoln alumni to hold a regional meeting at Tuskegee at this time. Tuskegee and Lincoln met in 1926 and 1927, and again in 1931. Lincoln's appearance at the Institute will be one of the high spots on the Tigers' home schedule.

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The 1941 football schedule follows:

Sept. 26—Xavier University at Tuskegee.

Oct. 4—Morris Brown College at Atlanta.

Oct. 10—Wilberforce University at Chicago (night).

Oct. 18—Benedict College at Tuskegee.

Oct. 24—Morehouse College at Columbus (night).

Nov. 1—South Carolina State College at Orangeburg.

Nov. 8—Knoxville College at Tuskegee.

Nov. 15—Lincoln University (Pa.) at Tuskegee, homecoming.

Nov. 10—Alabama State Teachers College at Montgomery.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Is Dark Horse

FEB 22 1941

By R. S. DARNABY

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New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Parade of Champions In National AAU Meet

FEB 22 1941

The statistics on Saturday's National A. A. U. track and field championships at Madison Square Garden are a bit staggering, it was indicated yesterday when Meet Director Daniel J. Ferris made a survey of his entries. Among the two hundred of America's best performers are fifteen holders of world's records, four Olympic champions, thirty-two present or former national champions and twenty-three present or former national champions had twenty-three present or former intercollegiate titleholders. The athletes hail from twenty states from Maine to California and from twenty-five colleges. In addition eleven other colleges are represented by their graduates.

Among the national champions, past or present, are such standout athletes as Walter Mehl, Chuck Pehske, Greg Rice, Don Lash, Charlie Beetham, John Borican, Earle Meadows, Al Blozis, Mel Walker, Billy Brown, Joe McCluskey, Herb Thompson, Gene Venzke, ~~Morel~~ Ellerbee, John Woodruff, Howard Borck and a corps of other stars.

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The colleges represented are N. Y. U., Fordham, Columbia, Manhattan, St. John's St. Francis, City College, Texas, New Hampshire, Michigan, Michigan Normal, Maine, Rhode Island State, Penn, Wayne of Detroit, Penn State, Boston University, Nebraska, Louisiana State, Georgetown, Tuskegee, University of Toronto, Lehigh, Oklahoma A. & M. and Fresno State. Also competing are recent graduates from Notre Dame, Brown, Temple, California, Southern California, Wisconsin, Pitt, Ohio State, Mayland, Iowa, Indiaha and Missouri.

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Montgomery, Ala.

4,000 Fans Saw Xavier Win Event

MAR 4 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA. March 3.—The eighth annual installment of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball tournament was brought to a record-smashing close here Saturday night as Xavier University of New Orleans trounced Tuskegee in the finals, 34 to 27.

Witnessed by more than 4,000 fans, the final evening of activity found Xavier, Tuskegee, Clark and Florida seeded 1-2-3-4—finished precisely in that manner. Clark defeated Florida in the consolation, 43 to 37.

These four talented teams had put nine other S.I.A.C. clans to flight in the three-day eliminations. South Carolina A. and M., Lane, Fisk and Knoxville, of Tennessee; Talladega and Alabama State; Morris Brown and Morehouse, of Atlanta, along with Benedict, of Columbia, S. C., were scuttled in Wednesday's 12 consecutive hours of play.

Xavier brought a 1941 record of 27 consecutive wins to the meet, 18 of them in pure S.I.A.C. contests, and took Lane, Morris Brown, Clark and Tuskegee, 48-38, 39-31, 37-32 and 34-27 respectively.

Xavier (34)	B.	F.	P.	T.
Crozier, f	4	4	3	12
Thomas, f	5	1	4	11
King, c	1	1	4	3
Hall, g	0	1	2	1
Summers, g	2	0	2	4
Epps	0	0	1	0
Harris	0	1	4	1
O. Williams	0	0	0	0
E. Williams	1	0	2	2
Totals	13	8	22	34

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Tuskegee (27)	B.	F.	P.	T.
Smith, f	2	2	2	6
Brinkley, f	1	1	4	3
Hornburger, c	3	5	3	11
Perry, g	0	0	3	0
Johnson, g	1	1	0	3
Porter	2	0	1	4
Culver	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	13	27

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

By Ric ROBERTS

MAR 3 1941

Adieu, Tuskegee; Finer Condition Need of Xavier

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—As the chimes of White Hall toll off twelve sonorous strokes, signifying the arrival of high noon, this veteran sports scribe prepared to repair to Atlanta. Captain R. S. Darnaby and Major Cleve L. Abbott greeted me bon voyage with smiling faces and I closed the books on what may be my last SIAC round-up. MAR 3 1941

It was my forty-seventh trip to Tuskegee since that spring evening back in April 1926 when I slipped onto this magnificent campus near mid-night as a frosh rookie pitcher with the 1926 Clark University baseball champions of the SIAC.

It may be my last in many years but I'll never forget Tuskegee, as who could, and I'll thirst for the day to come when I should be here again.

Behind us today stand the folded pages of the eighth annual SIAC cage tournament—a success in every way, a bigger, better affair with the years.

On my book Xavier has the No. 1 team again but the way Ted's boys fold up in the second half is the difference between a super team and a great one.

SECOND HALF 'FLOPS'

Ted's boys simply didn't have it in the second half. They swarmed out all over Clark and Tuskegee in the first halves—27 to 9 against Clark, 17 to 6, against Tuskegee.

Clark, only team to outscore Xavier in any half, tore the Wrightmen apart, 17 to 10. Tuskegee battled them 14-14 in their final half.

Ted's boys, champions though they are, had no finish and had to stumble around and hold as a boxer has to hold when the opposition gets rough in the final rounds. MAR 3 1941

The finger of suspicion is upon the condition, the physical condition of the Xavier lads. To have a "finish" in any sport, a guy has to work, work, train, train and train some more.

Xavier's aces boast a patrimony of physical assets and tactical mannerisms that are overpowering while they last. At Tuskegee these factors lasted no longer than 15 minutes but were so tremendous that the victims never fully recovered.

CLARK, MY NO. 2 TEAM

I'll string along with Clark for the No. 2 spot. The Cardinal was smoother even than Xavier and nicer to watch. The Robinson lads had endurance, too. Not in three years have I seen a Clark player slump to the floor on a time-out.

The Clarks are short on the physical side and would need plenty of breaks to take Tuskegee or Xavier. Even so, with a little more scoring punch from Jacok, Coates and Braithwaite or Gittens, the team might have won. MAR 3 1941

Henderson and Younger, two all-timers anywhere, tossed 32 points against Benedict, 25 against Xavier and 32 against Florida—nobody stopped them. Tuskegee's Smith thinks Younger the finest ball player in the SIAC and will tell you so.

My hat is off to Morris Brown for a great stand against Xavier. The Purple belongs up there with Clark, Xavier and Florida or Tuskegee—Graves' cast is a 1941 Mainliner.

Tuskegee, with no basic offensive patterns save the rush and hurry of a helter-skelter, two-pronged break, is to be commended for coming so far on so little.

Hornberger and Smith are trick-shots who must be in certain zones to be effective. Right now, they look the part of a good bet to be the 1942 SIAC champions. Whatever became of that flaming, deadly team that sped out of Tallahassee in 1940? I still believe in it.

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Tuskegee Plans For 8th Annual Basketball Meet

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Tiger Relay Team Will Compete In Penn Relays

APR 22 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., April 21.—The crack Tuskegee Institute relay team will leave the campus this week for the Penn Relays which will take place at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. The Tuskegee foursome will again endeavor to capture first place in the Teachers' College One-Mile Relay Championship of America and the college mile relay. In the ten years that Tuskegee has been sending teams to America's No. 1 classic, the Institute representatives have never been able to win a championship, but they have never placed lower than fourth in any race. Last year the team lost by a margin of a full breath. Mozelle Ellerbe, who has won the One Hundred-Yard Dash Championship of America for the past three years, will not compete this year, having had three years of intercollegiate athletic competition.

The team this year will be composed of Raymond Head, who will lead off; Marvin Fretwell at the second leg; Louis Slade, running the third leg, and Upshaw Sams at anchor. The substitutes are Fred Thomas and William Anderson. APR 22 1941

The Alabama State Teachers College Relays, held at Montgomery, on April 18 and 19, served as a tune-up for the Penn Relays. From the Penn Relays the track and field team will take part in the Xavier Relays, which will be held at Xavier University in New Orleans on May 2 and 3. All of these meets lead the Tuskegee team up to their own relays, the fifteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Championships which will be staged in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute on May 10.

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Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee In 33 To 6 Win Over Ala. State

SEP 29 1941

By FRANK A. "FAY" YOUNG

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Tuskegee institute's Golden Tigers, sparked by the stellar play of Upshaw Sams of Beaumont, Texas; Arthur Sawyer of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Raymond Head of Griffin Ga.; and George Robinson of Hiawatha, Kan., rode to a brilliant 33 to 6 victory over the Alabama State Teachers' college Hornets before 11,000 in Cramton bowl here on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 20.

There were others who played important roles in the victory of the Tuskegee Tigers. They were Herman Anderson, halfback from Wilmington, Del.; Dennis Stewart, 202-pound senior guard from Jacksonville, Fla.; Lonnie Fyles, guard from Houston, Texas; Charlie Perry, alert end from Savannah, Ga.; Tom Hornburger, end from Edwardsville, Ill.; William Shaw, halfback from Washington, D. C.; Whitney Van Cleve, freshman back from Kokomo, Ind.; Robert Ivey, 167-pound senior end from Mansfield, La., and others.

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Alabama State didn't go down without a fight. Playing their third game in 10 days, the Hornet players showed much for their wear and tear and weren't in tip top physical form. Far from it to detract from Tuskegee's victory but the truth is the truth. State lacked the punch in sight of pay dirt and State couldn't have won if it tried last Thursday. On the other hand, State followers deserved a little better than what they got from their team. Tuskegee should have won the game by one or two touchdowns but not by any 27 points.

Crenshaw Sparks State

State had its heroes. Standing heal and shoulders above any man on the field for individual play and determination plus ability to rip holes in the Tuskegee line was Joseph Crenshaw, the freshman demon from Parker high school over in Birmingham. But Crenshaw couldn't win the game by himself. Crenshaw played most of the game. He ripped off long gains, sometimes without the help of any inteference and at other times when called upon to tote the pigskin, Crenshaw was stopped when his own men got in the way to block him.

State made more first downs than Tuskegee totaling 17 to the Tigers' 13 but they don't pay off in first downs. State made 266 yards by rushing the ball (and thay can thank Mr. Crenshaw for that) to Tuskegee's 190. Tuskegee was the best at passing. The Tigers made 140 yards to Albamaa State's 127. State tried 18 passes and completed si. Tuskegee took to the air 16 times. Seven of their passes were completed. Five of State's passes were intercepted, one by Tuskegee's Upshaw Sams who raced 62 yards for a touchdown.

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The Tuskegee team was playing its ninth game of the season. The Tigers quit the field with their seventh consecutive victory and have suffered one loss, that to Morris Brown, 28 to 6, in the second game in the Southern conference. The Abbottmen were given Friday and Saturday off while Coach Abbott was with his "B" team in Miami Saturday. Sunday the entire squad joined the rest of the student body in enjoying their Thanksgiving turkey dinner at Tuskegee institute.

Tuskegee's next game is with Florida A. and M. college in the Orangs Blossom classic in Orlando, Fla., on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Alabama State, playing without the services of Alphonso Jones, star back from Scott high, Toledo, injured early in the season, closed a season with victories over LeMoyne, Xavier, Alabama Normal and Morehouse. The Hornets have lost to Florida, Lane, Morris Brown and Tuskegee.

State Lacks Punch

Both teams were well drilled. Alabama just lacked the punch needed within scoring distance. The Hornets were halted on the Tuskegee 3 in the opening period. In the second quarter they were stopped on the Tiger 17. In the third period, the Hornets got as far as the one-yard mark where they tried an end around play and were smothered. Then on the fourth down, the Tuskegee wall was as hard to crack as the Rock of Gibraltar. It couldn't be done. In the fourth quarter, the Hornets again were stopped deader than a tombstone on the Tuskegee one.

SEP 29 1941

Tuskegee struck fast. Early in the first quarter, Leo Tarrant, Alabama's 100-and-200-yards and meters sprinter, was downed behind his own goal line for a safety and Tuskegee had two points. Encouraged by the break, Tuskegee's warriors "bore down" on their foes. About the middle of the second quarter. Robinson tossed a pass to Sawyer for the first touchdown but little Robert Ivey couldn't make good the conversion try. The touchdown was the result of a 65-yard sustained drive in which the Tigers employed their famous T formation which threw the Hornets up in the air. Alabama State's players could not solve who had the ball until the runner had made some good yardage gains.

After the kickoff to Alabama State following the Sawyer touchdown, the Tigers were off again. Forcing State to punt, the Tigers took possession of the ball on their own 35. Working the ball to near midfield, the Tigers swept around end for a two-yard loss. On the next play, Robinson dribbled pack, sucking in the anxious Hornet players, then he heaved a pass to Sams who was off. With perfect interference, Sams rambled about 60 yards for a touchdown. Robinson kicked the extra point.

State's Crenshaw took the kickoff and ran it back to his own 36 before being brought down and thrown outside. State finally got to clicking and the Hornets drove 64 yards to score their lone touchdown. Crenshaw was hogging the spotlight. He tossed a 12-yard pass to Michael Cheatham from Brewton, Ala. who stepped over the goal line. The try for extra point was no good when the State backfield man let his knee strike the ground after getting the ball from center. It looked like the Hornets were about to attempt either a pass or running play for the extra marker.

Tuskegee scored on the last play of the first half when Ross went over from the one-yard line. The play was made after the Western Union clock had showed the time was up and the horn attached to the mechanism went off. Due to the excitement, the operator had failed to stop the clock with four seconds to go when both Referee Harvey and Headlinesman Hawkins had blown whistle and horn for a time out on the officials in order to correct the down box. Tuskegee went through with the play during the excitement and the cheering from the Tiger section with the Hornets' section begging for their team to hold Tuskegee. The ball was brought back to the one-yard line, the down remained the same and Tuskegee given one ploy. That was when Ross went over. The try for extra point was wide. The score was Tuskegee, 21; State, 6.

Between the halves both the Tuskegee and the Alabama State bands performed. Each was led by their majorettes, the State majorettes carrying the flags of the member teams of the conference. Then came the surprise of the day. Alabama State presented a high school band made up of the outstanding players from various high schools. These youngsters with their majorettes did a neat piece of playing. They had two bass horns and some horns and clarinet players who were "out of this world." Eight came from the G. W. Carver high, Gasden; three from Hooper City County high; six from Parker high in Birmingham; eight were from Powderly County high and 10 were from Rosedale County high. Others were four from Sloss County high; Dothan colored high had three; Mobile County Training school furnished five; Dunbar City high, four; Heart of Mary high in Mobile, nine.

Second Half Thrills

Well, the first part of the second half was a humdinger. With Sams and Sawyer doing the lugging Tuskegee went down the field and after two minutes of the third quarter, Sawyer went over for a touchdown from the three-yard mark. Attempt for the conversion went wide of the post. The score was Tuskegee, 27, State, 0.

Then in the third quarter, this wily Sams from Texas snatched an Alabama pass and romped 62 yards for another touchdown. Tuskegee players bobbed up from "out of the ground like muchrooms" and either got in the way or blocked out would be tacklers. Sams' touchdown jaunt was a sweetheart—for the Tuskegee crowd. Again Tuskegee missed the extra point. That ended the scoring for the day.

Alabama tried in the fourth quarter and once when it looked like they would bring their total to at least 12 points, the Hornets lost their sting—and lost it one yard from the goal line.

The Western Union man got excited and thought one play had gone outside the field of play and stopped his clock with but 14 seconds to go. The officials of the game noticed it and ordered it to run. On a fourth dawn try, Alabama couldn't get the ball over.

Last year's score was 31 to 12 in favor of Alabama State. Tuskegee has won 12 games from State since 1924; State has triumphed four times and two games have been tied.

Tuskegee (33)		Ala. State (6)
Perry	LE	White
Fuller	LT	Griggs
Stewart	LG	A. Jackson
Bowman	C	Mason
Ross	RG	Leftwich
Brown	RT	Sauls
Ivey	RE	Sullinger
Robinson	QB	Tate
Sams	LH	Crenshaw
Sawyer	RH	Cheatham
Smiley	FB	Ellis

Scoring: Tuskegee—Touchdowns, Sawyer (2), Van Cleve.eshrdletaoishrdletaoshetar (2), Sams (2), Van Cleve; safety, Tarrant tackled behind line. Alabama State—Touchdown, Cheatham.

Officials: B. T. Harvey (Colgate), referee; H. L. Mosley (Morehouse), umpire; Wallace O. Hawkins (Knoxville), head linesman; Frank A. Young (Chicago Defender), field judge.

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Tuskegee Tigers Prep For Annual Tilt With Hornets

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Nov. 18.—"One More River to Cross," was the song sung by the Tuskegee Tigers when they assembled on the field this afternoon to begin practice for their annual game with the State Teachers College Hornets, which will be played at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery Thursday.

The Tigers have come through a heavy schedule of eight games thus far with one defeat and when they take the field Thursday they will be primed for what is expected to be one of the bitterest battles in which they have fought this season.

The members of the Golden Legion who turned back the Lincoln Lions, 14 to 6, Saturday in what they regard as one of the hardest games in which they have played this year, sustaining no injuries, and they move on to Montgomery for the closing chapter in a classic clash which is attracting nationwide attention.

Coach Abbott stated this afternoon that considerable time will be devoted to the important factor of tightening the weak spots in the line. It was apparent Saturday that at several crucial times the Tuskegee line leaked, permitting a Lincoln player to get through and spill the Tiger ball carrier for a loss. These spots must be strengthened so that there will be no recurrence of a like situation arising when we meet the Hornets, the coach declared.

Archie McClinton, who has been injured since the Morris Brown game, will be available for full duty against the Hornets. He was used Saturday to relieve Carter Bowman and was most effective during the short periods that he was permitted to play. McClinton weighs 220 pounds, and his huge frame and skill in handling the pivot position will be needed for the full 60 minutes Thursday.

New plays were given to the players this afternoon and the entire practice session was taken up acquainting the men with their assignments. It was pointed out that this was necessary because State's players and coaches were well versed in Tuskegee's style of play because they had scouted the Tigers several times this season. "It was necessary to make this change in our attack," Coach Abbott stated, "in order that the game might be made interesting."

Fears State

It was the opinion of many of the students and teachers on the campus that Coach Abbott fears State and that he was going about his preparations for the game paying more attention to minute details than he has done heretofore.

Tuskegee has been asked to play in several bowl games and the Tiger mentor is particularly anxious that the eleven close the season with a victory.

Chicago Club Interested

Arrangements have just been completed by the Chicago Tuskegee Club to listen to the intermission feature and hear the final score via long distance telephone. Members will gather at the home of the Chicago chapter on South Parkway for the program.

Regardless of what may be said, the Golden Tigers will make a desperate bid for victory in their game with State. It appears there is a bowl bid in the offing if the Tigers outscore the Hornets "somewhere in the South" again this season.

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Rivals Have Met Annually Since 1924

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Trenholm Instrumental In Starting Long, Colorful Series

As the Tuskegee-Alabama State game nears, many interesting traditions and historical events will be recalled when the two teams meet in a do-or-die battle tomorrow at 1:30 in Cramton Bowl, for who's who among the colored colleges of the State as well as for a high rating in the Southern Intercollegiate Conference this Fall.

Spirit is running high at both institutions and all indications point to another one of those bitterly contested games which has made the series one of the most attractive in Dixie and has seen it bring annually many visitors from half of the States in the Union. Both Tuskegee and State possess high scoring elevens this Fall and the offensive exhibition put on as they strive to carry honors one way, or the other point to 60 minutes of blood-chilling football, Thursday.

B. T. Harvey, retired football coach of the Morehouse College Tigers, will referee again this year, marking his eighth consecutive appearance here in that capacity and eleventh as an official in the Cramton Bowl series. A track star and halfback at Colgate back in 1916, he led the Morehouse team as coach for 18 seasons and established a record for winning in football, basketball and track probably unequalled by any other coach in the country. With no assistants on his staff, his basketball teams were undefeated for a period ten straight years, and his football and baseball teams won five championships each during the same time.

President Trenholm of the State Teachers College is the father of the series. Coming to the local college in 1921, he was responsible for the revival of athletics at the college after a lapse of six years, and in 1924 sold the idea of a negro football game of high caliber to Cramton Bowl officials with the first Tuskegee-State game, and the idea took so well that the game has become a fixture. Other firsts for President Trenholm, who became the institution's chief executive in 1925, were first negro games in Birmingham at Legion Field and Columbus at Memorial Stadium.

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Other points of interest about the games themselves include the fact that for many years the famous Tuskegee band had the half time show to itself, but later the State band came into being and from a small side feature developed to a competitor for the Macon County musical outfit, both in size and quality of music played. Then there were the famous battles between Hall at end for State and Stevenson at halfback for Tuskegee, the battle of the centers between Campbell of State and Tadlock of Tuskegee, and various other dog fights between opposing linesmen and backs, each year adding its own unique story.

The Believe-It-Or-Not of the series is furnished by Jerome Morris of Alabama State whose head work at quarterback gained two successive triumphs in 1934-35 for his team after the long drouth from 1924 until then. Morris made all of the points for both sides those two years, booting a field goal in 1934 for the initial Hornet 3-0 win, and scoring the Hornet touchdown which edged a two points given by himself to Tuskegee as he allowed himself to be tackled behind his own goal when a bad pass from center kept him from kicking out safely. His brilliant kicking and good team generalship won for him the first most valuable player award given by May and Green for the best player on both teams.

John Brown toiled for 17 years as assistant coach at Tuskegee, but is now in his third year on the State staff.

Tickets for the game are now on sale at Dean's, Pitts,' Hornet Grill, and May and Green.

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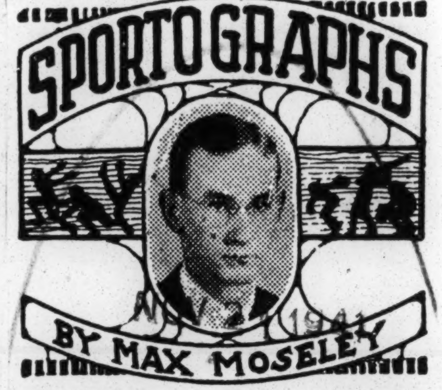

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GALLOPING BILL DUDLEY, Virginia's 19-year-old All-America back, who is second high scoring back in the country, added 22 points to his total yesterday as his Virginia machine rolled over North Carolina 28 to 7 . . . Dudley, who in our opinion as well as many others in the South, figure that the Cavaliers captain is the most valuable man to his team in the nation . . .

And remember you Montgomery fans, as well as all who expect to see the fourth annual Blue and Gray game here on Dec. 27, Dudley will be seen in action . . . The powerful running halfback has accepted a bid to play and, unless Virginia gets a bowl bid, which is unlikely, then he will be here . . .

Georgia, Vanderbilt and Alabama will be the cynosure of football scouts' glances Saturday, because one of the three teams possibly will be extended an invitation to play in the New Year's Orange Bowl, it was admitted by Orange Bowl officials . . . Untied-undefeated Duquesne has the "inside track to an invitation," C. F. Baldwin, schedule committee chairman intimated . . . Fordham is also a "likely contender" from the North to play one of the three Southern teams . . .

Out at Cramton Bowl yesterday, Alabama State and Tuskegee put on quite a show in their annual pigskin battle . . . It was Tuskegee's Upshaw Sams against State's Joseph Crenshaw, who were truly two of the best backs we have seen in action in quite a while . . . There were more but these two boys were the main cogs in their respective offenses. . . . Tuskegee was the favorite and they came through with flying colors but State put up a grand scrap . . . Cleve Abbott has one of the best coached teams at Tuskegee this season than we have seen in years . . . They really had plenty of finesse . . .

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Defeated 15 To 7

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By A. L. KIDD

ORLANDO, Fla.—In a tropical setting and before a most colorful crowd of 6,000, Florida A. and M. college from Tallahassee, Fla., came from behind to defeat Tuskegee's light but fast team, 15 to 7, in the ninth annual Orange Blossom classic here on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6.

Upshaw Sams' interception of Williams' pass to Oglesby on the 43 paved the way for Tuskegee's only tally. Sawyer swept left end for 20 yards, placing the ball on the 23. A pass interference ruling placed the ball on the 14. Aided by a five-yard penalty and a three-yard plunge by head, Robinson hit through center six yards for a touchdown. Ivey converted.

Taking the ball on the 39 in the second quarter, Gilliam. Simms, Harrison, and Williams, the latter contributing 40 yards, placed the ball on the one foot line from where substitute Fullback A. Gant went over for the tally, but Singleton's kick was blocked by Stewart to place Tuskegee in the lead 7 to 6 at the half.

Florida's 58-yard drive at the beginning of the second half bogged down on a fumble on the 6. Tuskegee kicked out of the hole and Florida retained possession of the ball throughout the rest of the scoreless third quarter.

Goodwill's 77-yard kick in the early moments of the fourth quarter set the Tigers back on the three-yard line from where Robinson, in an attempt to pass from behind the goal line, was smeared for a safety by Hansel Tookes, stellar tackle for the Rattlers.

Inspired by this one point lead the Rattlers went on a 19-yard jaunt after Cabell returned Tuskegee's punt to the 48 only to lose the ball on downs.

Then came the thrill of the game when diminutive Sparky Echols, substitute center, for the fifth time this season, sent the Florida stands into pandemonium as he intercepted Robinson's pass to Ivey on the 30 and, behind the timely blocking of Gilliam and Gentry, streaked over the goal. Singleton converted.

Tuskegee went into a passing frenzy in the four remaining minutes of the game, completing two and losing two. Alert Echols made his sixth interception of the season on the 10 and brought the ball up to the 35—the last play of the most spectacular classic played in the Orlando setting.

Florida made 12 first downs to Tuskegee's six. In rushing the Rattlers made 244 yards to Tuskegee's 191. Tuskegee passed 17 times, completing six and having one intercepted. Florida passed seven times. Two were completed. two were intercepted by the Tigers.

Richard Lewis, Tuskegee's 200-pound tackle from Rushton, La., stood out in the line for the Alabama team. Behind the line there were Sams of Baumont, Texas, Sawyer, Head and Robinson. Sawyer was injured early in the game.

For Florida, A. Gant, Harrison and Williams hit through the line for big holes between the two 20-yard stripes. Once inside the Tigers fought back with fury. Although the tackling was hard, the game was clean.

Between the halves, Florida A. and M. college put on a real show. Besides the Famcee band, music was heard from four high school bands. The queen and her float drew much applause. The drum majorettes of both the Famcee band and the high school bands as well as the tiny boy mascot also drew much applause.

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Florida (15)		Tuskegee (7)
Singleton	LE	Perry
Gentry	LT	Lewis
Noble	LG	Stewart
Dowdell	C	Bowman
R. Gant	RG	James
Sherfield	RT	Brown
Oglesby	QB	Ivey
Simms	HB	Robinson
Williams	HB	Sams
Harrison	FB	Sawyer
	B	Van Cleve

Officials: Rivers (Talladega), referee; Lennon (Bluefield), umpire; Hill (J. C. Smith), head linesman; Fay Young (Chicago), field judge.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Perry, Brown Of Atlanta Star In Tuskegee Win

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (SNS)—In their opening game of the current season the Tuskegee women's basketball team defeated the sextette from the Louisiana Normal Institute (Grambling 12 to 11, in Logan Hall here Saturday afternoon.

Leila Perry, Captain, and Hester Brown, guards, both of Atlanta played with their usual characteristic vigor and won warm praise for the manner in which they backed up the boards. Elizabeth Campbell, Lucy Newell and Willie Seays compose an excellent passing combination. Their performance this afternoon gave indication that they have developed a smart deceptive passing attack.

The girls from Grambling threw a scare into the apparently secure feeling Tuskegee Tigerettes when they found the range in the last few minutes of play and added, in quick succession, ten tallies to their one point which was made on a free ride late in the second stanza. The whistle sounded with the Grambling forwards to chalk up additional score.

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Officials: Leroy Easterly (Wilberforce) referee; C. Johnson Dunn Morehouse) umpire; Doris V. Wilson and Edward Buggs, scorers; Daniel James, timekeeper.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Mrs. Roosevelt Guest at Tuskegee Prep Nationals

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First Lady Pays Tribute To Top Players at Meet

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The ~~seventh annual~~ National Interscholastic Basketball Tournament for boys and girls was brought to a successful and brilliant close in Logan Hall here. More than 2,000 wildly cheering spectators saw a machine like Booker T. Washington High School, Sand Springs, Okla., turn back Booker T. Washington High team of Seminole, Okla., 28-24—a team which had previously twice beaten tonight's victors.

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The Ramblers from the Sand Springs sector reached the finals by bowling over the high school lads of Southern University, Scotlandville, La., and State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala., and the flashy Yellow Jackets from the Mayo-Underwood High School of Frankfort, Ky., in the semi-finals. These last two teams had won the championship title for their respective states and had come to Tuskegee to enter the national tourney with impressive records.

The business-like manner in which the Ramblers went about to wreck the ambition of the courageous Seminole team won warm praise from the spectators. Showing the finesse of a seasoned varsity five the Ramblers stepped into an early lead which they never relinquished. John and Tom Smith, cousins, and Orlandus Lowe, combined their efforts in defeating their ancient State rivals. Tom Smith's one-hand shots from difficult angular positions was the most sensational seen here in tournament play. John Smith, an effective Rambler cog, led his mates in scoring with ten points. Lowe, whose playing in the Oklahoma state tournament, had won him the outstanding player award lived up to his advance publicity.

Bethlehem High School of Marietta, Texas, won third place defeating Mayo-Underwood of Frankfort, Ky., 31-29.

Woodstock High School of Lucy Tenn., defeated Allen-White High of Whiteville, Tenn., who won the championship title last year, 23-19 to win the championship in the girls' division. Odessa Roberts center forward and team captain sparked the Volunteers to victory Lorraine Jones was the high point player.

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Hermondale High School of Hermondale, Mo. defeated the Henry A. Hunt High School of Fort Valley, Ga., 12-11, to win the consolation game.

Cleve L. Abbott, director of the tournament committee, declared a recess of two hours from strenuous play, giving the contestants opportunity to hear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, who spoke to Tuskegee students, faculty and townspeople in the Institute Chapel at 6:30 o'clock.

The recess was not only a welcome relief from strenuous tournament play but it also afforded many of the visiting students an opportunity to see the First Lady and for many of them an opportunity to talk and shake hands with her. One feminine member of the visiting group will long cherish her personal contact with the First Lady and the compliment paid her excellent basketball performance. One of the boys on a team from the Blue Grass will always remember the hand-shake and the gracious compliment which he received.

(BOYS)

Teams Participating In The National Invitational High School Basketball Tournament

State Teachers College—Montgomery, Ala.; Lockhart.

Escambia Co. Training School—Atmore, Ala.; R. E. Moore.

Tuskegee Institute High School—Tuskegee Institute: J. T. Bracken.

Rambo High School—McLeod, Texas; M. N. Harper.

Booker T. Washington High School—Memphis, Tenn.; Julian Bell.

Dunbar High School—Lexington, Ky.; F. L. Baker.

Beach-Cuyler High School—Savannah, Ga.; Joseph Green.

Booker T. Washington—Montgomery, Ala.; Jerome Morris.

Southern University High School—Scotlandville, La.; C. A. Purnell.

College Hill High School—Cleveland, Tenn.; A. C. Martin.

Douglas High School—El Paso, Texas; Reuben Alba.

Booker T. Washington High School—Seminole, Okla.; Freeman Crawford.

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Bethlehem High School—Marietta, Texas; James Flournoy.

Mayo-Underwood High School—Frankfort, Ky.; M. C. Conda.

Booker T. Washington High School—Sand Springs, Okla.; V. T. Jones.

Booker T. Washington High School—Atlanta, Ga.; L. Baker.

Xavier Prep School—New Orleans, La.; Alfred Priestley.

Douglass High School — Huntington, W. Va.; Z. L. Davis.

Henderson High School—Jackson, Ga.; Carl Dixon, Jr.

Lee Street High School—Blackshear, Ga.

(GIRLS)

Teams Participating In The National Invitational High School Basketball Tournament

Allen White High School—Whiteville, Tenn.; J. H. White.

Alabama State High School—Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Mabel Robinson.

Union Academy—Bartow, Fla.; James W. Wright.

Brighton High School—Brighton, Ala.; Lennie Lockhart.

Hermondale High School—Hermondale, Mo.; Edmon Brodie.

Woodstock Training School—Lucy, Tenn.; N. W. Parden.

Our Mother of Sorrow—Biloxi Miss.; Miss Doris Paige.

H. A. Hunt High School—Fort Valley, Ga.; J. H. Twitty.

Lanier High School—Lanett Ala.; Miss Alice Grayson.

Central Academy, Palatka, Fla.; James Turner.

Troy City High School—Troy Ala.; Mrs. Hattie Stevenson.

Westfield High School—Westfield, Ala.; B. T. Reese.

Tuskegee Inst., High School—Tuskegee, Inst., Ala.; Miss Gladys Campanella.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (BOYS)

	B	F	P
John Smith	5	1	11
Marques Haynes	2	1	5
Luther Garrett	4	1	9
Tom Smith	3	2	8
Orlanders Lowe	2	1	5
Walter Rountree	0	0	0
Milton Davidson	0	0	0
Andrew Wilkes	0	0	0
Totals	16	6	38

Booker Washington Seminole (24)	B	F	P
Wilbert Cudjoe	1	0	2
Willie Malony	2	0	4
Henry Woodfork	1	1	3
Lawrence Cudjoe	2	0	4
Lance Cudjoe	3	1	7
Felice Winroe	1	0	2
James Sims	1	0	2
Totals	11	2	22

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (GIRLS)

Woodstock (23)	B	F	P
Mary Terrell	3	3	9
Lorine Jones	5	1	11
Odessa Roberts	0	3	3
Alice Lockett	0	0	0
Myltree Parker	0	0	0
Geraldine Price	0	0	0
Naomi Anderson	0	0	0
Ivey Clemmons	0	0	0
Rosa Hunter	0	0	0
Alma Price	0	0	0
Totals	8	7	23

Allen-White (19)	B	F	P
Martha Woods	2	4	8
Beatrice Woods	2	2	6
Louise Randolph	0	0	0
Pearly Herron	2	1	5
Zenobia Haimer	0	0	0
Helen Brown	0	0	0
Elizabeth Jones	0	0	0
Cleo Wheeler	0	0	0
George McKenney	0	0	0
Catherine Hudson	0	0	0
Totals	6	7	19

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Tuskegee To Meet Southern Today

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., April 7.—Thirty-five members of the Tuskegee men's and women's track and field team left the campus today for Southern University at Scotlandville, La., where the men's team will engage in a quadrangle meet with Xavier University, Alabama State Teachers College and Southern University on Tuesday, April 8. From there the party will proceed to Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas, to take part in the annual tennis tournament, women's track and field meet and the Southwestern Relay Carnival.

Tuskegee's famous mile relay team that was barely nosed out at the Penn relays last year and winners of the American championship in this event at the Tuskegee relays last year, will take part in this event at Prairie Vitw. The team is composed of Raymond Head, Marvin Fretwell, the second leg; Louis Slade, the third leg, and Upshaw Sams at anchor.

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The tennis team packs plenty of power all along the line. Roumania and Margaret Peters, sisters, national and intercollegiate doubles champions. Both of the sisters have also held the intercollegiate title at times. Howard Minmis and Clifford H. Russell are national doubles champions and intercollegiate champions. All four of the above players are ranked in the first 10 in America. Thelma McDaniel, the national girls' runner-up last year, together with Mayme Stanley, a fine player, make up the tennis team.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

AAU Meet Scheduled April 12th

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The great track team of Tuskegee will send full representation to the Women's Division of the National indoor track and field championships of America in the Atlantic City Auditorium Easter Saturday, April 12, it was announced by Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, president of the Middle Atlantic AAU, sponsors of the event.

There has been no women's championships for five years and the team title remains open to any club, college or school that can produce a winning combination. Tuskegee has been the outdoor team champions for the past three years and at present holds the United States title. It's great 440-yard relay team is still intact, not having tasted defeat since 1937. APR 5 - 1941

Rowena Harrison starts the 440, passes the baton to Lulu Perry who relays it to Lucie Newhall and thence to the anchor, the great Lulu Mae Hymes. The quartette will meet strong opposition here in the Loyal Order of Moose girls from Philadelphia, who are coached by Mrs. Bonniwell, herself a national figure in the women's sports world.

Other than their defeat at the hands (or feet) of the Tuskegee girls, the Moose team has never been beaten. And they're mighty anxious to avenge that defeat when the two teams clash in Atlantic City. APR 5 - 1941

In addition to the relay, Tuskegee will enter Miss Hymes and Rowena Harrison in the 50-meter event, Lucy Newhall in the 200-meters against champion Stella Walsh, and Lulu Perry in the hurdles as well as Alice Coachman in the high jump. Miss Perry's foremost foe in the 50-metre hurdles will be Sybil Cooper of the German-American Club of New York, national woman's champion. Miss Coachman is the national outdoor champion and will attempt to set a new indoor record for women.

Besides these, Tuskegee also boasts some better than average broad jumpers and shot put artists, who will be seeking individual and team honors. Another great feminine colored athlete who will compete is Jane Lane of Wilberforce, Ohio 50-metre outdoor champion. She won honors in Ocean City last Summer by nosing out at the tape Stella Walsh in the 100-metres, and will compete here in the 50 and 200 metre events. The 200-metre event should provide a thrilling contest between Miss Lane and Miss Walsh, the latter having set a new world's record for the event just three weeks ago.

Not to be outdone by the South and Midwest, the East also has a great Negro athlete in Miss Jeanette Jones of Harrisburg, Pa. Only 17 years old, Miss Jones is the Middle Atlantic indoor and outdoor 50-yard champion. She will be the hope of the Middle Atlantic to carry it to a national team title in this event.

Among the outstanding men who will compete in the men's division will be Moselle Elerbe of Tuskegee; Barney Ewell of Penn State; Eulace Peacock, former Temple University track idol and intercollegiate champion; Thomas East of Cheyney Institute and many others from colleges and clubs from one end of the nation to the other.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

TRIUMPHED IN NATIONAL A.A.U. TRACK MEET

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Members of Tuskegee's women's track team which won the annual A.A.U. meet at Atlantic City. Left to right, kneeling: Rowena Harrison, Lacy Newell, Hester Brown and Leila Perry. Misses Harrison, Newell, Brown and Perry compose the Tuskegee "A" Relay team which broke the world's record in the 400-meter event. They set a new record of 50.3 seconds. Standing, Margaret Barnes, Lillie Purifoy, Alice Coachman, Hattie Hall and Christine Evans Petty.

Tuskegee's Celebrated Cinderpath Queens

APR 26 1941 Savannah Journal
Savannah, Ga.

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Members of the Tuskegee University women's track squad are seen during a visit in the office of Mayor Tom Taggart of Atlantic City, N. J. The team was at the seashore to compete in the National Senior Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. Front row (left to right) Mrs. Christine Petty, coach; Lelia Perry, Lucy Newell and Alice Coachman; rear row, Mayor Taggart, Margaret Barnes, Hester Brown, Lilly Purifoy, Rowena Harrison and Hayette Hall.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Xavier, Tuskegee Sweep SIAC Tennis Honors

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Fourteenth Annual Southern Intercollegiate and the ... Interscholastic Tennis Championships played on the Championship Courts at Tuskegee Institute, May 9 and 10, 1941.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS

Men's Singles (Quarter Final Round)—Jimmie McDaniels (Xavier University) beat Lem Brown (Southern University) 6-4, 6-3; Howard Minnis (Tuskegee Institute) beat Isaac Gardner (Talladega College) 6-3, 6-3; Clifford Russell (Tuskegee Institute) beat Walter Austin (Southern University) 6-4, 6-0; Robert Ryland (Xavier University) beat Jerome Pinkston, (Fort Valley State College) 6-...

Semi-Final Round—Jimmie McDaniels beat Howard Minnis 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; Clifford Russell beat Robert Ryland 4-6, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Final Round—Jimmie McDaniels beat Clifford Russell 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Men's Doubles (Quarter Final Round) Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis Tuskegee Institute) beat Jummy Wilson and Jerome Pinkston (Fort Valley State College) default; Lem Brown and Bouey (Southern University) beat Ed Evans and Samuel Tolsan (Prairie View) 6-2, 7-9, 8-6; Jimmie McDaniels and Robert Ryland (Xavier University) beat Ernest Wilson and David Monroe (Fla. A. and M.) 6-3, 6-4; W. Brown and Austin (Southern University) beat C. Fo... and Isaac Gardner (Talladega) 6-..., 11-9.

Semi-Final Round—Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis beat Lem Brown and Bouey 6-2, 6-0, 6-1; Jimmie McDaniels and Robert Ryland beat W. Brown and Austin 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

Final Round—Clifford Russell and Howard Minnis beat Jimmie McDaniels and Robert Ryland 7-5, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Women's Singles (Quarter Final Round) Margaret Peters (Tuskegee) beat Lois McCann (Prairie View) 6-0, 6-1; Mamie Stanley (Tuskegee) beat Lillian Grimmett (Prairie View) 6-1, 6-0; Roumania Peters (Tuskegee) beat A. Stirup (Fla. A. and M.) 6-1, 6-2; Thelma McDaniels (Tuskegee) beat Delsa Latimer (Prairie View) 9-7, 6-3.

Semi-Final Round— Margaret Peters beat Mamie Stanley 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; Roumania Peters beat Thelma McDaniels 6-2, 6-0.

Final Round— Roumania Peters beat Margaret Peters 8-6, 6-2.

Women's Doubles quarter final Round)—Mamie Stanley and Thelma McDaniels (Tuskegee) beat Sutton and Cambridge (Fla. A. and M.) 6-0, 6-0; Roumania and Margaret Peters (Tuskegee) beat Washington and Stirup (Fla. A. and M.) 6-2, 6-4.

Semi-Final Round—Mamie Stanley and Thelma McDaniels beat Delsa Latimer and Dorothy Cole (Prairie View) 6-2, 6-3; Roumania and Margaret Peters beat Lois McCann and Lillian Grimmett (Prairie View) 6-0, 6-...

Final Round—Roumania and Margaret Peters beat Mamie Stanley and Thelma McDaniels 7-5, 6-4.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TENNIS

Boys' Singles—(Final Round) Francis Powell (Tuskegee Institute High School) beat Alva Tabor (H. A. Hunt High School) 6-4, 5-7, 9-7.

(FINAL ROUND)

Boys' Doubles—Frances Powell and William Anderson (Tuskegee Institute High School) beat Clifford White and Robert Ford (Tuskegee Institute High School) 6-2, 6-1.

Girls' Singles (Semi-Final Round) Sarah Jessie (H. A. Hunt High School) beat Harriet Hutchinson (Tuskegee Institute High School) 6-3, 6-2; Florence Hunt (H. A. Hunt High School) beat Henrietta Davis (Tuskegee Institute High School) 6-1, 6-0.

Final Round—Florence Hunt beat Sarah Jessie 6-3, 6-4.

Girls' Doubles—(Final Round)—Florence Hunt and Sarah Jessie (H. A. Hunt High School) beat Henrietta Davis and Harriet Hutchinson (Tuskegee Institute High School) 6-2, 6-1.

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SPORTS SLANTS

By 'Melancholy' JONES

Records Expected to Topple in Women's Division of Tuskegee Relays Today; Atlanta Girls Excel in Jump Specialties

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(Tuskegee Relays Records)

WOMEN'S EVENTS	RECORD
50 meter dash	6.5
80 meter hurdles	13.2
100 meter dash	11.5
200 meter dash	26.0
440 yard relay	49.8
Broad jump	18:3
Shot put	39.1
Discus	103:8
Javelin	112.0
High jump	5.0¾
Baseball throw	232.0

PREP EVENTS	RECORD
100 yard dash	10.1
440 yard relay	44.1
880 yard relay	1:32.0
Mile relay	3:30.8
Medley relay	3.42.1
Two mile relay	8:27.1

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A FLOCK of records is expected to topple in the women's division of the annual Tuskegee Relays this afternoon in Alumni Bowl.

Jean Lane, stardusted sprinter of Wilberforce, is personally counting on smashing three—those in the 50, 100, and 200 meter dashes.

The Tuskegee girls are confident of establishing a new mark in the quarter-mile relay, having won the event in 49.8 seconds last year with Lucy Newell, Jessie Abbott, Hester Brown and Lula Hymes "going to town" in that sequence.

The other records in danger are those in the broad jump, where Newell may beat her 18:3 of last year, and in the high jump where Alice Coachman, the Albany miss, is trifling with the world record.

Unless some young woman does the unexpected, the other records appear safe at least for 1941. However, it would be no surprise to see the 80 meter hurdles' mark of 13.2 seconds fall, because, last year, Lillie Purifoy, performing in the junior women's division, turned in a better exhibition than her seniors. This time she may have advanced as alarmingly as she did in 1940.

One of the prep records now standing at Tuskegee was set by Booker T. Washington High School of Atlanta. It is that in the half mile relay, 1:32, established in 1937. BTWHS of Atlanta has always excelled in that event, winning it consecutively in 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1937. The Atlantans have never toured the distance in slower time than 1:33.4, which was good enough to win in 1935.

Due to typographical errors, one or two of the existing records in the men's division of the Tuskegee Relays appeared incorrectly a few days ago.

The records in the said events should read: 440 yard run, 48.3 seconds set by Thomas Delton in 1936; mile run, 4:30, set by Edward Culp in 1940; 400 meter hurdles, 54.4, set by Gilder Farrow in 1940; and high jump, 6.6 and 7-8, set by Adam Berry in 1940.

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The record in the four mile college relay, which was not listed at all, is 18:48.4, established by Xavier in 1940.

Delton will be remembered as an erstwhile football star at end for Tuskegee, while Culp and Farrow hail from Xavier, and Berry from Southern.

The world records the performers in the women's division at Tuskegee will have to shoot at are as follows:

EVENT	RECORD
50 meter dash	6.4
100 meter dash	11.4
80 meter hurdles	11.7
200 meter dash	23.6
440 yard relay	46.9
Broad jump	19:4.8
Shot put	42:3
Discus	137.3½
High jump	5.5½
Javelin	153:4½
Baseball throw	296.0

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Atlanta's Ruth Mae Westmoreland set a women's high jump mark of 4 feet, 10¾ inches, at the Tuskegee Relays in 1932 which stood until 1938 when Mable Smith, now Mrs. Carl Lott of Houston, Texas, also an Atlanta, leapt 5 feet, ¾ inches. Another Atlantan, Leila Perry, won the event with a 4:10 performance in 1939, duplicating last year with a better leap but not a record-breaker.

Atlanta girls displayed the same sort of superiority in the broad jump, Lula Hymes winning the event three times, Mable Smith twice. Interesting enough, both held the national broad jump title during their respective careers—Smith in 1936 with a leap of 18 feet, Hymes in 1937 with a jump of 18 feet, 1½ ins.

In fact, Atlanta's Lula Hymes was voted the outstanding woman athlete in America in 1937 when she won the 100 yard dash, running broad jump and anchored the Tuskegee girls' quartermile relay team to victory in the National Women's AAU Track and Field Championships at Waterbury, Connecticut.

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The Tuskegee girls are coached by Mrs. Petty, nee Christine Evans, who was a sprint star herself while at Tuskegee, having anchored the famous quartermile teams of the early '30's at the Alabama institution.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Four Marks Fall Before Fast Field

Metcalfe's Ace "Gold Rush" Cops 10 Firsts

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Four records were toppled in historic Alumni Bowl here Saturday afternoon as the fifteenth annual Tuskegee Relays were run off with Coach Ralph Metcalfe's Xavier University thinlies from New Orleans, Louisiana, again dominating the meet with 10 first places. Tuskegee scored two first places, with Fort Valley State (Georgia), Alabama State, and Southern (Louisiana) chalking up one apiece.

In the first college final event of the 1941 carnival, Claude Paxton of Xavier outstepped his teammate, Gilder Farrow, Ulysses Amos of Morehouse, and William Rainey of Kentucky State to tour the 120 yard hurdles in 14.8 seconds, shattering the old Tuskegee Relays mark of 15 seconds flat set by Farrow in 1938.

NEW MILE MARK

The other track mark to be shattered was by Xavier's Edward Culp, who copped the classic Moton mile in 4:27.5 to do away with the 1940 record of 4:30 he himself set up. Saturday, Culp outdistanced Thomas Baugh of Alabama, John Lawson of Morris Brown, Leon Chester of Southern, and eight other crack rivals to turn the trick.

The field events were also put into the discard when Xavier's Walter Farmer who set a pole vault mark of 12:6 in 1938 and equalled it last year, chalked up a sensational leap of 13:6 while the 1932 record of George D. Williams of Hampton Institute of 195 feet, 7 inches, in the javelin throw, was completely eclipsed by Joshua Williamson's mighty heave of 195:8. Williams, a three letter athlete at Xavier, entered unattached.

Ernest Marshall, Cinderella Kid from Fort Valley and Horatio Alger winner of the same event in the second annual Alabama State Relays April 19, thrilled the huge, seething gallery of more than 3,000 track enthusiasts as he sprinted to a brilliant victory in the classic quartermile run. His winning time of 48.6 seconds was just three-tenths of a second shy of equalling the meet record but was fourtenths of a second better than his April performance.

Tarrant, who placed second in a 9.7 finals of the 100-yard dash at the Drake Relays, April 26, ran true to form in bagging the coveted century here Saturday in 9.8. The time was three-tenths of a second under the Tuskegee Relays and SIAC record shared jointly by himself and retired Mozel Ellerbe of Tuskegee at 9.6, but it was a tenth of a second faster than the Birmingham Bullet's 1940 winning performance at the Tuskegee meet.

FEATURE MILE

In the feature mile college relay for which three coveted team trophies are given, Tuskegee's Penn Relays Teachers' College champions barely missed shading an ancient record when they clicked off the distance in the phenomenal time of 3:19.8.

Tuskegee led virtually all the way as Raymond Head, the Griffin, Georgia youth, brought the baton in with a slight margin to Marvin Fretwell, who improved the lead as he gave the wand to Louis (Red) Slade. Then, Upshaw Sams, running anchor, literally streaked his way home for a comfortable margin of victory. Trailing Tuskegee were Xavier, Prairie View, and Alabama.

Tuskegee also figured in a might upset when the touted Xavier two mile relay combination was forced to look at her heels as the Golden Tigers ran off the event in 8:8.5 ahead of Xavier, Alabama, and Morehouse.

COLLEGE

100 YARD DASH—Won by Tarrant (Alabama State); Douglass (Xavier), second; Henderson (Alabama State), third; Worthy (unattached), fourth; Junius Honozowa (Xavier), fifth; Solomon (Morehouse), sixth. Time: 9.8 seconds.

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Paxton (Xavier); Farrow (Xavier), second; Amos (Morehouse), third; Rainey (Kentucky State), fourth; Rainey (Alabama State), fifth. Time: 14.8. (New Record).

440 YARD RUN—Won by Marshall (Fort Valley); Morton (Uunattached), third; Baker (Xavier), fourth; Roberts (Xavier), fifth. Time: 48.6.

400 METER HURDLES—Won by Farrow (Xavier); Paxton (Xavier), second; Houston (Morehouse), third; Browder (Tuskegee), fourth. Time: 58.

MOTON RUN (Mile Run)—Won by Culp (Xavier); Baugh (Alabama State) second; Lawson (Morris Brown), third; Chewter (Southern), fourth; Robbins (Prairie View), fifth. Time, 4:27.5.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP—Won by Berry (Southern), 6 ft. 9½ inches; Williamson, Walker, Horton tied for second place. 6 feet 3⅛ inches.

SHOT PUT—Won by Drieaux (Unattached) 47' 9¼; Robart (Xavier) second 47 ½; Scot (Alabama State) third 47' 7; and Thurman (Kentucky State) fourth 41:5.

POLE VAULT—Won by Farmer (Xavier); Robinson (Tuskegee) second 12:11; Brown (Southern) third, 12:8; Sanson (Tuskegee), fourth, 12; Height: 13 feet, 6 inches. (New meet record).

JAVELIN THROW—Won by Williamson (Xavier); Taylor (Southern) second; Thurman (Kentucky State) third; Haynes (Morehouse), fourth. Distance 195 feet 8 inches. (New Record. Old record 195 ft. 7 inches by George Williams (Hampton Institute, 1932.)

¼COLLEGE DISCUS — Won by Williams (Xavier) 130:6¾; Foston (Unattached) second, 128:6; Williams (Florida) third, 126:8½; Deroux (Unattached) fourth, 126:8¼; Robart (Xavier) fifth, 123:6; and Brown (Morris Brown) sixth, 118:2.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP—Won by Douglas (Xavier) 22-11; Jones (Alabama State) second, 22-7; Walker (Unattached) third, 22-6½, Allison (Kentucky State) fourth, 21-8¼; Biggs (Southern) fifth 21-8, and Stanley (Alabama State) sixth, 21-1½.

440 YARD RELAY—Won by Xavier (Hicks, Hanazawa, Michell, Belizaire, Douglas); Alabama State, second; Morehouse, third; Tuskegee, fourth; and Kentucky State, fifth. Time: 42:3.

880 YARD RELAY—Won by Xavier (Hicks, Hanazowa, Mitchell, Douglas, Belizaire, Farrow); Alabama State, second; Tuskegee, third; Kentucky State, fourth; Morehouse, fifth. Time: 1:28 (New meet record).

ONE MILE COLLEGE RELAY—Won by Tuskegee (Sams, Slade, Thomas, Head, Fretwell); Xavier, second; Prairie View, third; Southern fourth. Time: 3.19:8. (New record)

TWO MILE RELAY—Won by Tuskegee (Lewis, Slade, Thomas, Sams); Xavier, second; Alabama State, third; Morehouse, fourth. Time: 8:8.5.

FOUR MILE RELAY—Won by Xavier (Clup Easley, Keene, Doak); Alabama State, second; Tuskegee, third. Time: 18.52:3.

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Selma, Ala., Times Journal
February 10, 1941

Tuskegee Annexes In Final Seconds Against Carolina

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Feb. 10—The winning basket in the Tuskegee-South Carolina State College cage game here Thursday night was tossed by Wilson Smith, Tuskegee's sensational forward in the last six seconds of play. The Tigers staged a magnificent second half rally to gain the hard-earned, 36-34, victory after trailing State practically all the way during the first half. The visitors led at the intermission, 21-10. Four times during the brilliant battle the score was even.

With barely 20 seconds to play both teams were trying desperately to break the 34-34 deadlock. The winning basket was made possible by Hornburger who, in a wild scramble beat off a mass of State players for the ball and passed to Smith who swished it through the net. It sank as the whistle sounded. Smith, who played an alert game, tossed in 4 baskets for a total of 8 points. Hornburger did not enter the game until the second half, but he turned in a sparkling performance.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Tuskegee Basket Ball Tourney To Start Thursday

FEB 26 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Feb. 25—(AP)—The eighth annual Southern Negro Conference basket ball tournament will open in the Tuskegee Institute Gymnasium Thursday, with Xavier University of New Orleans ranking as a favorite.

Pairings will be made Wednesday. Participating teams will be Clarke University, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College of Atlanta; Fish, Xavier, Talladega College, Alabama Teachers of Montgomery, Lemoyne, Florida A. & M., South Carolina State, Knoxville and Tuskegee.

The Clarke University Cardinals, of Atlanta, turned back Florida to win first place in 1940.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Crozier, Henderson, Smith, King, Younger Make First Team Posts

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FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POSITION	CLASS
Frank Crozier (63)	Xavier	Forward	Senior
Wilson Smith (44)	Tuskegee	Forward	Soph
Wince King (25)	Xavier	Guard	Junior
Clarence Younger (38)	Clark	Guard	Junior
Albert Henderson (51)	Clark	Center	Senior

SECOND TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POSITION	CLASS
Lucius Thomas	Xavier	Forward	Senior
William Copeland	S. C. State	Forward	Frosh
Thomas Hornberger	Tuskegee	Center	Soph
James Watts	Florida	Guard	Frosh
Donald Braithwaite	Clark	Guard	Frosh

HONORABLE MENTION

FORWARDS: John Lawson (MBC), Alonzo James and Harry Edmonds (Florida), Rody Jacox (Clark), Greene Farmer (Knoxville), John Johnson (Lane), Herbert Wyles (MBC), Daniel Tyler (Talladega), Luther Farrell (Alabama), Leo Brinkley (Tuskegee)

CENTERS: James Haines (Morehouse), Henry Holden (S. C. State), Lawrence Shadd (Florida), Homer Chambliss (Fisk), Kara Coates (Clark), Silas McGuire (Talladega) MAR 3 1941

GUARDS: James Hall and Allen Summers (Xavier), Jesse Bryan and William Carter (MBC), William Johnson (Tuskegee), Jack Gilmore (Lane), William Ridley (Fisk), Elvia Sullinger (Alabama), Searl Henderson (Knoxville), William Kindle (Morehouse), John Armstrong (S. C. State), Henry Warner (Benedict), Fred Brown (Talladega)

By LUCIUS JONES
(SNS Sports Editor)

XAVIER, 1941 visitation and tournament champion in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Clark 1940 champion and 1941 third-place finisher, and Tuskegee Institute, 1940 semifinalist and 1941 finalist, hogged honors in the all-tournament mythical honor selections last week end.

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CROZIER, NO 1

Frank (Blotto) Crozier, Xavier's senior captain and forward, ranging 6 feet 2 1-2 inches, throws 'em left-handed, and is the spearhead of the Gold Rush attack, led tournament scorers with 63 points in four games. He was given unanimous recognition as the No. 1 player of the tournament, closely followed by Clarence (Sonny) Younger, Clark's junior captain and guard. Crozier hails from Chicago, Younger from New York City. The latter, doing magical stunts afloor, bolstered his all-round worth with 38 points in three games.

KING TOPS CENTERS

Following Crozier and Younger at berths on the 1941 mythical honor selections were Wince (Champ) King, Xavier's crack junior center who ranges 6-4 and does everything with a basketball but eat it. For his great feeding, defensive skill, superb ball handling, coolness under fire, and ability to hog the ball off the backboards, King got first call over the pivot men of the tournament with ease. His nearest rivals were Tuskegee's Thomas Hornberger, Morehouse's James (Pinky) Haines, Florida's Lawrence Shadd, and Fisk's Homer Chambliss in that order.

HENDERSON JOINS IMMORTALS MAR 3 1941

Albert (Alby) Henderson, Clark's ambidextrous goal-flipper from New York City, rose to the ethereals in the final game of his career with 21 hot points against Florida in Clark's battle for third place honors in the tournament. These 21 added to his previous 30 in two tilts made a grand total of 51 in three games for an average of 17. This ranked Henderson as the No. 1 shot of the meet. Alby also turned some of the finest passing, dribbling, feinting, and guarding of his four-year span at Clark.

In making the mythical honor selections this year, it made a "grand slam" for Henderson who had also been thus honored in 1940, 1939 phenomenal "spread-eagle."

GREAT LITTLE MEN

Lucius (Lucky) Thomas and William Copeland, both small men, were among the greatest athletes in the tournament. There were no faster cutters, cleaner ball handlers, or more dangerous shots under the basket. Thomas, a senior, had a shade on Copeland, a flaming freshman, but both made the second combination. In fact, the only reason Thomas didn't make the first was because there was no way to leave off Crozier, Henderson, Younger and Smith.

Tuskegee's Smith, lacking the natural finesse of the other four men on the first team, was one of the vistitation season's as well as the tournament's greatest competitors and clutch shooters.

INDISPENSABLE MAN

Hornberger is smoother than last season and just as effective a shot and handy man on both backboards. Tuskegee could not have made the finals without him.

FRESHMAN SENSATIONS

As freshmen, Florida's James Watts and Clark's Donald (Red) Braithwaite made good on the second combination—a rare tribute indeed to any first year man. But Watts was so good he kept seasoned starters Chas. Adams and Leonard Hall, stars of Florida's '40 finalists, alternately on the bench. As for Braithwaite, he was the most colorful player in the tournament. In every game he received tremendous applause as he retired to his familiar perch near Coach Ralph C. Robinson. Saturday night, after he had fouled out, Braithwaite received the longest and evidently the most sincere ovation ever given a tournament player in the eight years of the SIAC meet. MAR 3 1941

HENDERSON, NO. 1 SHOT

The leading tournament shots were Henderson of Clark with 51 for an average of 17, and Crozier with 63 for an average of 15.75, Copeland of S. C. State with 30 for an average of 15, Smith of Tuskegee with 44 for an average of 14.67, Younger of Clark with 38 for an average of 12.67, Hornberger of Tuskegee with 34 for an average of 11.33, Lawson and Wyles of Morris Brown with 22 for an average of 11, and Watts of Florida with 40 for an average of 10.

HAINES WAS "HOT"

Leading shots in one game showings were Haines of Morehouse 19, Johnson of Lane and Captain Leroy Preston of Knoxville with 13, Greene Farmer of Knoxville with 12, Karl Tatum of Benedict with 11, and Gilmore of Lane and Warner of Benedict 10.

Most points in single games were 22 by Smith of Tuskegee, 21 by Henderson of Clark, 19 by Copeland

Borican, Ellerbe, Tarrant, East Boost Stock Of Negro Colleges

MAR 15 1941

By MABLE KOUNTZE

BOSTON—(ANP)—Mozel Ellerbe of Tuskegee, Leo Tarrant of Alabama State and Tommy East of Cheyney Teachers have happily come along in the same era to utterly disprove much of the inferiority charges leveled at sepia schools of the nation.

But all these gentlemen, among others, owe their national opportunity and consequent fame to Negro college pioneers of the 193[illegible] Eastern Olympic tryouts staged here in Harvard stadium.

DENIED AT FIRST

Southern A. A. U. athletes were flatly refused a chance to compete in the Dixie trials for the 1936 Olympic team and colored colleges especially were rated inferior. Nevertheless William J. Bingham and other Harvard and New England officials, backed by suggestions of many sports minded New Englanders, including the writer, saw to it that our colleges were invited to compete in the 1936 Eastern sectional try-outs.

The pioneers of the present brownskin brigade included a trio who caused no little comment five years ago. There were a Morgan College freshman, Wellington Ross; a St. Augustine powerhouse, Rozia Singletary; and an All-American Va. State, halfback of seemingly over-rated CIAA. track who ran about every event and won most of them in the CIAA. This boy's name was Johnny Borican but nobody knew much about him in Boston in '36.

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EARLY FAME IN HURDLES

Borican's early fame was in the 400 meter hurdles and he surprised by qualifying for the finals, as he came home third behind Glen Hardin after doing a 53.4 trial heat, the fastest of them all. Rozia Singletary looked good with a 21.5 200 meter dash trial, the second fastest in the two day try-outs. And young Ross, a former Newark prep star forced the favored 200 meter sprinter, Rodenkirchems, to a 21 second flat. Well, when the boys returned home (whatever happened to Singletary?) the colored college track coaches got a brand new outlook on life.

SIAC PRODUCES FLOCK

Olympian Ralph Metcalfe no sooner became connected with Xavier university, than he began to plot to send Gold Rush athletes to the big major title meets and Ralph was, I believe, the first to send a sizeable modern team to Boston and New York for crack indoor competition. The Southern conference scored again with Ellerbe of Tuskegee and Tarrant of Alabama State, both now definitely indoor track threats. And now comes Cheyney with Tommy East to form a trio of formidable indoor sprinters.

MAR 15 1941

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Tuskegee Cage Team Honored

MAR 29 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Members of the Tuskegee Institute Golden Quintet, runners-up in the eighth annual Southern conference basketball tournament, held recently in Logan hall at the institute, were the guests of the local chapter of the Tuskegee Alumni Association at a recent reception.

Presentation of gifts to those who participated in tournament was made by Captain Neely.

Coach Cleve L. Abbott, director of Physical education, and Coach Edward A. Adams, were warmly congratulated and commended for the achievements of the 1941 basketball team.

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Members of the squad and guests included: Misses Lillian Hambrick, Edith Campbell, Adelaide Foster, Alexinia Young, Sarah Williams, Juanita Hill, Beatrice Betts, Maude Roberts, Leila Thelma McDaniels, Helen Hutchinson, Alberta Anderson, Nannie Williams, Ernestine Wright, Johnnie Partridge and Virgie Smith Smith.

Messrs. Arthur Dickens, Thomas Hornburger, William Smith, Leo Brinkley, Eugene Porter, Charles Perry, George Culver, William Johnson, William Shaw, Collins Briggs, George Robinson, Eliot Van Zandt, Howard Fleming, Ernest Cotten, Theophilus Cottrell, Allison Figara, Aury Canson and Daniel James.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Colored Boxers Stage Thrilling Sectional Meet

MAR 25 1941

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 24—Thirty-three amateur boxers representing eight Southern states put on a thrilling exhibition of boxing for three nights here at Hornet Gymnasium, March 19-20-21, at the staging of the second annual National A.A.U. Semi-Finals Southern Colored Boxers Regional sponsored by the State Teachers College and the Piney Acres Country Club. A team of eight winners, one in each class, chosen from the winners of the finals, will represent colored boxing in Dixie at the National A.A.U. to be held in Boston March 31, April 1 and 2.

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Ten fights on the opening night produced three kayos; there were five more kayos in the nine fights on the second night, and two others on the final night when seven fights were staged, making a total of 10 sleep producers for 26 battles. This gives a good indication of the fine type of boxing enjoyed during the meet, where every boy entered was doing his level best to make that trip to the Boston meet.

A record of the finals: Cassell Tate, of Tennessee, took the decision from George Reynolds (Xavier) for flyweights; Mooney Little (Tennessee) won bantam weight, default; Joseph Atkins (Tennessee) over James Handy, featherweight (Tuskegee); Thomas Jessup, lightweight, (North Carolina) kayoed Carvin Crowe, of Alabaha State, 2:30 of first round; Lynch Travis (Greenwood) kayoed Boyd Jones (Tennessee), 2:15 first round welterweight; Reuben Young (Atlanta Y) over Doug Taylor (Alabama State), middle; Peter Jackson (Alabama State) over "Dutch" Clark (Carolina) lightheavy; and A. Smith (Tennessee) over W. Sartor (Tuskegee) heavyweight.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Tuskegee Track Team To Compete In Sr. Women's Meet In Atlantic City

APR 12 1941

TUSKEGEE INST. — Eight members of Tuskegee's famous track and field team will make the journey to Atlantic City, New Jersey, leaving the Institute Monday evening, where they will take part in the Senior Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, which will be held in the large Municipal Auditorium of Atlantic City, Saturday afternoon and evening, April 12. This indoor campionship meet has not been held since 1937. The meet this year is being sponsored by Judge Eugene Bonniwell and Mrs. Bonniwell of Philadelphia, Penn., under auspices of the committee to defend America by aiding the Allies, William Allen White, chairman, assisted by the British War Relief Society of Atlantic City.

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The Tuskegee women's track and field team has been the outdoor National Champions for the last four years. They tied for second place in 1936 at Providence, Rhode Island, and won the first title at Trenton, New Jersey, in 1937. In 1938 at Naugatuck, Conn., they won their second title. They won their third title at Waterbury, Conn., in 1939, and made it four straight at Ocean City, New Jersey, last July.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Tuskegee Tigers Win 6th Straight

Golden Tigers Defeat Knoxville College Bulldogs, 30-7

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Nov. 8. — Tuskegee's Golden Tigers won their sixth consecutive victory by defeating the Knoxville College Bulldogs, 30 to 7 in the Alumni Bowl here today and warned future opponents—Lincoln University (Penn.) and Alabama State Teachers College—that the Golden Avalanche is on the march again.

The Tigers scored an automatic safety late in the first stanza when Ross, Knoxville right end, stepped beyond the goal line to boot the ball out of danger. Earlier the colorless first quarter was highlighted with a spectacular run by Capt. Henderson, of the Tennessee team. He intercepted Robinson's pass, which was intended for Ivey, crossed to the left side of the field, and with the aid of excellent interference, ran 81 yards before he was downed by Robinson.

From then on hard running line plays, long sweeping end runs and thrilling air thrusts kept the crowd in uncertainty until the final whistle. In the second quarter the Tigers scored twice. Josh Brown engineered a tally when he blocked a Bulldog punt and Leftwich recovered in the end zone for the score. Leftwich scored again on Robinson's 23-yard pass.

In the third quarter Robinson scored from the one-yard line which play was soon followed by a driving dash down the field by Raymond Head for 45 yards who crossed standing. Conversions were made by Robinson and Ivey.

Knoxville's lone touchdown was accounted for in the third quarter when Henderson and Alexander had alternated in carrying the ball to the Tigers' 5. Henderson smashed through the center of the line to score. Scruggs converted.

The three scat backs, Sams, Sawyer and Smiley, turned in sparkling backfield play—taking the ball frequently on the run and dashing away for substantial distances before being downed.

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Score by periods:

Tuskegee	2	14	14	0	—30
Knoxville	0	0	7	0	— 7

Officials: Harvey (Colgate) referee; Gaston, (Tenn. State) umpire; Hill Johnson C. Smith, head linesman; Baker (Clark) field judge.

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The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.

Neither Has Ever Fought Colored

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THEY WANT SAME PURSE AND ARE WILLING TO FORGET RACE TO MEET CHAMPION JOE

CHICAGO.—Jimmy J. Johnston, manager of Abe Simon and Bob Pastor, two of the unsuccessful challengers for Joe Louis' heavyweight crown, takes a verbal smash at Billy Conn and Lou Nova, two of the present contenders who are clamoring for a chance at the crown. Here's what Jimmy, a very talkative fellow, has to say about the two:

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"Billy Conn and Lou Nova chal lengers for Joe Louis' title, yelling their heads off because Joe Louis won't sign to meet them immediately. Well, Al Smith would say 'let's look at the records' of these two men relative to colored boxers.

"Nova has never given a colored boxer a chance to earn a dollar since starting to box, while men like Eddie Blunt, Buddy Walker, Lem Franklin, Tiger Jack Warrington, Willie Reddish, Jim Thompson or Roscoe Toles cannot get Nova into the ring with them. Nova has said many times, he will not box a colored man but Joe Louis and should he win, he'll never box another one. Still he insists upon oe Louis fighting him.

Conn Raises Race Bar

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"Do you think Billy Conn would get into the ring with Blount, Franklin, Reddish, Walker, Thompson, Tiger Jack Warrington or Roscoe Toles? Still while refusing to let the above men earn a living with him, Conn is hollering bloody murder, because Joe Louis is a very intelligent young man as well as being one of the best heavyweights I have ever seen and being intelligent, he has a memory.

"So Billy Conn and Lou Nova, stop trying to kid a champion and stop boxing old men and cripples and setups, show the boxing fans that you can let a colored man earn some money by boxing him, but not a colored boxer with asthma, fallen arches or B.

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Points to Pastor and Simon

Pastor and Abe Simon have boxed every colored man that a promoter has asked them to meet, and here is a list of them. They were meeting colored boxers of reputation like Otis Thomas, Jack Warrington, Unknown Winston, George Nicholson, Elza Thompson, ersey Joe Wolcutt, Big Boy Bray, Leonard Dixon, Eddie Blunt, who recently beat Buddy Bear, Jim Thompson, Turkey Thompson and Roscoe Toles while the synthetic heavyweight Billy Conn ran out of a signed contract to box Clarence Jon in Buffalo some time ago and wo fight this colored boy.

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"Imagine Lou Nova, a man w has been in a sanatorium for a ye trying to get a match with Joe Louis.

"It would make a horse laught to see Cochrane, and the rest of the Chiching 'Fancy Dan's' terrific battle with Gunnar Barlund, Barlund who wanted to fight but his manager didn't want him hurt. 'I ask you, is that funny or not'. 'Oh, I almost forgot, Bob Pastor and Abe Simon have gone thirty-four rounds with Joe Louis.' Do you think Conn, who can't hurt you or Nova who gets angry if you miss him with punches, could stay any length of time with Joe Louis? Bob Pastor gave Joe Louis two great fights. Abe Simon gave oe Louis one of the hardest contests any champion ever had, and mind you they are both clean-cut college men and both born and raised in the city of New York, and lo and behold, would you believe it, both managed by me."

Argus
St. Louis, Missouri

World's Champion and His Retinue Here

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Seated, center—John Roxborough, (co-manager; Left to right—George Nicholson, (regular sparmate); Jack Blackburn, (chief trainer); Charlie Kelsont, (asst. trainer); Wm. (Bill) Bottoms, (the champ's chef); Fred Guinyard, (Secretary); Not in picture—Julian Black, (co-manager).

—Photo by Mitchell.

Joe Louis Not Allowed To Be Photographed With Ex-Champ Jack Johnson Recently

APR 5 1941

SAVANNAH JOURNAL
SAVANNAH, GA.

By ALVIN MOSES for ANP

NEW YORK—MAY 16.... New Yorkers will be treated to a return engagement of "Jack The Giant-Killer," when Joe Louis meets Abe Simon. Now that the titanic imbroglio of a fortnight ago has been discussed, fought over and literally read out of court by the wise crowd who bet their money, the matter of just what the street corner topic among Harlem sporting fraternity

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Jack Johnson not Manager James (Boy Bandit) Johnston, as the real Rasputin behind amazing show.. of the. horendous, varicose-veined Jewish gladiator who..ambles along the broad throughfares of our fair cities like an uprooted California Redwood. Smartest heavyweight fighter who ever dug a shoe in the resined canvas, it was the conqueror of Jeffries who for weeks drilled into the slow-thinking Simon on the mysteries of a cutting left jab...staying in close...and, the power of an uppercut., Giving credit where credit is due, without the borrowed wisdom of that dusky necromancer of fistiana's yesteryear ...Simon's magnificent heart and utter lack of fear of Louis might not have enabled him to stay around as long as he did.

As for Mrs. Barrow's boy Joe ...FOR MY MONEY HE'S THE GRANDIST PIECE OF FIGHTING FLESH WE'VE EVER SEEN DURING OUR SHORT STAY ON EARTH., The Simon Louis whipped would have run all the Billy Conns, Pastors, Novas, Bears, Galentos, et al..'out of the Olympia arena bawling..."POLICE."

The real tipoff on Joe's greatness

lies in the fact that he's EXPECTED TO KNOCK OUT IN THREE, FOUR OR FIVE ROUNDS—THE CREAM OF HIS DAY AND GENERATION, and when he fails, then and only then...do writers, trainers, managers, gamblers, et al... realize he's just a...big brown boy, like the rest of the human family, and not... A FRANKENSTEIN MONTROSITY, coated over with flesh and blood!!

MAY 16, we say odds should be 10 to 1, not (5-1), and for this rather excellent (to us) reason, Abe Simon took a two-fisted whipping that didn't do his ancient Hebrew forbears any good, much less Abie. Louis will be out there to fight as he did against Max Schmeling...in that second meeting...it will be a case of a man with "too much heart," stacked up against the most perfect athlete in the world, plus the best two-handed hitter...(THE LONGER THE FIGHT GOES)...that the ring has known, and that goes for Fitzsimmons, Langford, Choynski Dempsey and the rest of the belting beauties.

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BOMBER'S MANAGER SORE

JOHN ROXBOROUGH, smart and personable co-manager of Joe Louis, will never forgive Jack Johnson for what he alleges he's tried to do to Louis' prestige...an indication of this came about just prior to the Simon fight when he flatly refused to let a white photographer snap the champion and Johnson together.

HENRY ARMSTRONG, world's title holder in three divisions (now retired), has definitely placed a bundle of cash into the orchestra business...At Palm Garden Sunday nite, April 20..."Homicide Hank" will direct his new band and we predict music lovers will be in for a pleasant surprise.

HERBIE THOMPSON, one of the best liked track performers with a vast New York and New Jersey following, proved that pulled tendons do not necessarily spell an athlete's ruin...During the running of the.. fifth annual Chicago relays, two weeks ago the "skeeter skate," who looms more and more like a second Jesse Owens...romped off with the 40, 50, and 55 yard dash events, spreadeagling the field as Owens was wont to do.... when he raced the 50 in 5:3, Herb. tied Wilbur (Michigan university) Geer's 1939 indoor dash record... atta boy Herbe—we of Harlem are always in your corner.

JIMMY HERBERT and JOHNNY BORICAN, "heavenly twins" (Gog and Magog) of former New York univresity captain in the van over the playboyish Borican:—"Speed" Phillips...great Negro basketball player with Nat Holman's City college squad of New York, rang up four field baskets against the powerful Ohio university courteers, but it wasn't enough for his fighting mates bowed to defeat by a score of 45 to 43... pulling for City college on the sidelines was Dr. Ardaneze Dash, one of the finest basketball players in club and college history of the Empire state; also, an all time great in any discussion of West Indian super-athletes.

"SONNY" WOOD, EDDIE YOUNGER and big JOHNNY WILSON (white) of ... BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL, contrived to preform a feat unequalled in boy school circles Saturday nite a fortnight ago at Madison Square Garden, in licking a stubborn ANDREW JACKSON five (31-29), the New York crackerjacks rang up their 37 consecutive victory to win their...THIRD TITLE IN FOUR YEARS (Whew):...It used to be the slogan that Jewish boys starred at basketball, a game calling for superior brainpower and coordination, but now...Negro lads are the class of the field and have been since the days of Cum Posey's Loendi, and Bob Douglass' Renaissance teams dating back to 1925 41.

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When a fella wins all of fights, the same hombre who to yell "atta baby keed?smack him down," suddenly becomes the skunk who screams, "Get outa that ring you big yellow bum, you oughta have a pick and shovel in your big hands boo-o-o?? Which again brings us around to a discussion of the unmistakable greatness of JOE LOUIS: He'll lose to SOMEONE, SOMEDAY, but 'til he does he's a surefire superman.

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Baer Loses On a Foul, Disqualified In the 7th

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Saved by Bell, He Seems Ready to Go On, but Ameil Isn't; It's Louis 17th Win

By Bill Cunningham

Jacob (Buddy) Baer, 6-foot 6-inch, 237-pound scion of a California clouting dynasty, officially became the seventeenth corpus delecti in the personal championship graveyard of a sorely pressed Joe Louis in the National Capital's ball yard last night, but he went out on his feet with his battle flags flying.

Either a brain storm or a cunningly executed strategem of the veteran Baer Manager Ancil Hoffman, caused Referee Arthur Donovan to disqualify the powerful Californian as he stood in his corner, apparently ready to fight.

This was in the seventh stanza of the proposed 15-round struggle representing the first heivyweight championship prize fight in the history of Washington. It followed a terrific fifth and an even more furious sixth that saw Louis, blinded with the blood from a badly cut eye, drop his huge adversary three times for counts of seven, nine and one.

Definitely saved by the bell, and dragged to his corner like a huge sack of stove bolts by his scurrying handlers, Baer was propped in his angle with seconds working like beavers. But the wizened Hoffman tore across the canvas to referee Donovan and began a wild protest of the fact that Louis, had struck Baer after the bell.

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Baer Was on Floor

It was hard to see what bell or how Baer was on the floor apparently as cold as 40 quarts of ice cream, but Hoffmann kept on protesting and protesting some more. The entire rest period passed and still he protested. The Baer handlers, in the meantime, had worked a miracle and with the bang of the tocsin, their amazingly durable gladiator reraed himself upright and apparently ready for war.

Louis, wearing the badge of a damaged left eye and looking fairly petered from the heavy going just behind, stepped forth uncertainly, definitely ready to proceed. But Hoffmann wouldn't give, and the gray-shirted referee, imported from New York to adjudicate the fracas, disqualified Baer because of Hoffmann's presence in the ring.

Under New York Boxing Commission rules, which governed the contention, this rates as foul. Hence Baer escapes the fate of his brother, Madcap Maxie, in the record books.

This same Louis reduced brother Max to a sodden study in still life on a balmy night in September, 1935, in four rounds, feeble in comparison to the dock-yard action in most of tonight's fray. Max gave a perfect imitation of the dying gaul in silver plaster.

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Jacob Punched ...

Buddy smeared that blotch on the family escutcheon. He really punched it out with the grim and grey champion, even knocking him through the ropes for a count of four with a terrific left in the first round and opening a wound under his eye in the fifth that bade fair to make trouble.

Probably he was through. Probably Hoffmann figured he was through, which constitutes the reason for the deliberate Hoffmann behavior. But the doubt will always remain. The big white boy was firmly on his feet with his face toward the enemy. There's such a thing in this business as a slugger's punching himself out. Louis may have been close to it. At times he seemed to be close to it.

And yet he fought one of the greatest rounds of his entire career in slugging the seemingly nerveless Californian into the resin with three terrific rights, two of which were shot with the motion of a tired man looking at his wrist watch, but the third of which was a parabolic whizz —bang that dropped the huge pile of flesh as if a crow-bar had been driven through his skull.

That was the sixth.

The battle was a sensational surprise from the first. Baer, outweighing the sleepy-looking champion 37 pounds, towering a full half foot over him and carrying an 8-inch advantage in reach, was believed to be a great good natured oaf with murder in his mittens but appeasement in his heart. Louis was an 8-1 favorite, and the best guessing of the experts was that Buddy would be pulling up the canvass with a sleepy goodnight not much later than the third.

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Instead of any of this, the big patient looking Californian, swinging arms so long they looked like flaling banana stalks, walked right into the famed dynamiter, and kept right on walking despite a barrage of lefts and rights to his big patient face that looked hard enough to knock his head into the bleachers.

Near the end of the first stanza came the most electric thrill this type of big ball yard opera has known since the night Schmelling dropped this same Louis with a long overhand right that started from the altitude of his heeltacks. Louis stood backed into the ropes near the Baer corner after the white boy had bulldogged him in a slow walk across the resined quadrangle, and Baer, instead of stepping back, reared back and let drive with both barrels and full caliber.

The first was a right that caught Louis on the chin, the next a sweeping left that likewise found the jaw. This latter sweeping discharged knocked the amazed champion completely through the ropes and onto the apron of the ring. It was almost a dead ringer from the celebrated scene from the Dempsey-Firpo fight lang syne. As with Dempsey, the colored champion's head went back under the top rope, the middle rope kicked his legs upward and he fell on his shoulder blades on the padding outside.

Returned on Own Power

Unlike Dempsey, he didn't continue on down int othe typewriters, and unlike Dempsey, again, he wasn't helped back into the ring by any volunteers from the literary section. He made the return under his own engineering, but the knockdown timekeeper had tolled four in funereal cadence before he could reassume a warlike stance and the enthusiastic throng of 30,000 Washingtonians had wakened the welken for miles in all directions.

The champion was catapaulted onto the carpet within reaching distance of your thoroughly startled correspondent, and his eyes had a definite cellophane haze to them as he turned over and endeavored to get oriented. That punch, or those punches, hurt him badly. It looked for a moment as if he might be in a bad way.

If he were, Baer missed the boat. There wasn't much time left anyhow. The aroused Californian did swing in and try but those great arms of his like hawsers with country hams appended, looped and swooped and invariably missed.

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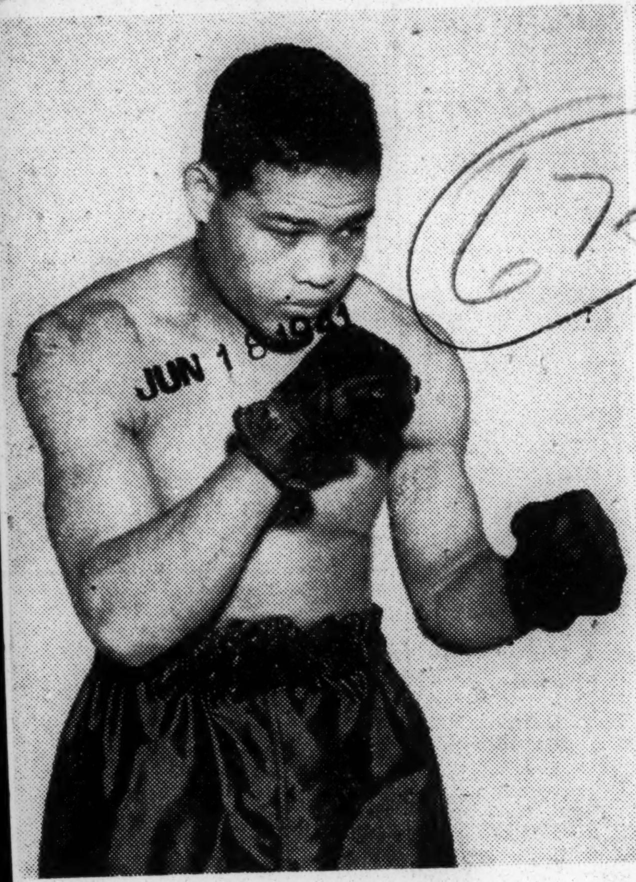

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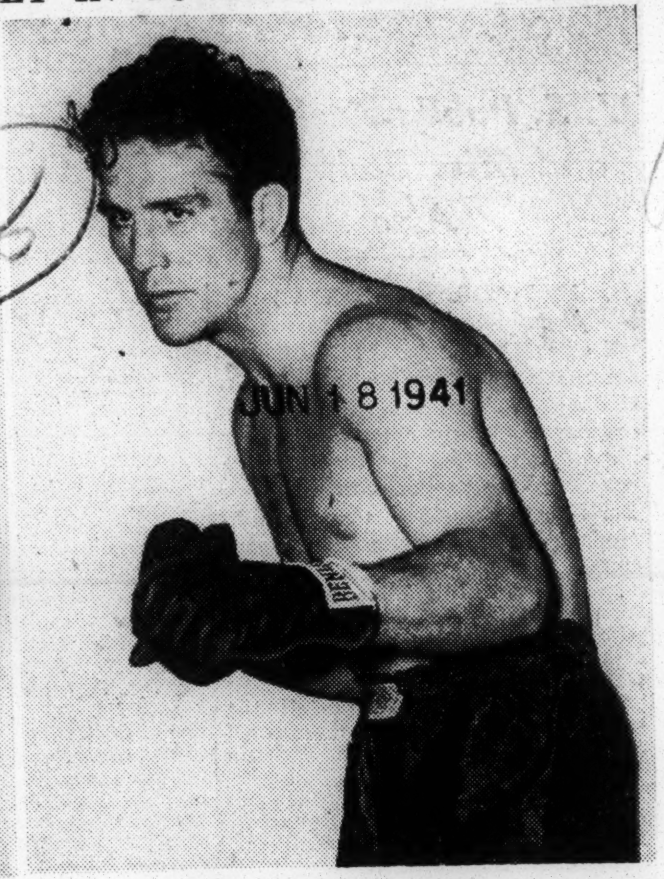

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ROUND EIGHT

In a half clinch Louis bounced left and right off Billy's head. Conn took a two-fisted pummeling on the body. Billy fired his right three times in close. Louis hooked a solid right to the jaw. Conn bounced his right off Joe's eye. They struck straight lefts at long range. Billy threw two rights to the head in close. Conn caught Louis at close quarters with left right and left to the head as Louis dug away at his body. Billy nailed Joe with a smashing right that brought the crowd to its feet. Conn poked two straight lefts to the face, then smashed two more solid rights to the jaw. Billy hooked hard to the head in close and continued to flail away as they fell into a clinch. Conn fired another hook to the head at the bell and the crowd went wild. Conn walked to his corner hollering to his seconds "I did it," "I did it!" Conn's round.

ROUND NINE

Billy crossed a hard right to the jaw. Then he was just short with another. Conn jabbed twice to the face. Billy came out of a half clinch and banged away with both hands to the head and Joe covered up. They traded straight lefts. Conn hooked a left to the jaw and two rights to the head. Joe jabbed twice to Billy's sore eye but took a hard right to the head. Conn fired a right to the head. Louis caught Conn with a hard straight left. Billy jabbed three times to the nose. In a half clinch, Joe bounced a hard hook off the jaw and another to the head, but Billy came right back with one for himself. Joe caught Billy off balance with a right to the head. Billy hooked two more lefts, one to the head and one to the body. They traded left jabs at the bell. Conn's round.

ROUND TEN

Joe came out rushing now, apparently intent on catching the dancer and doing damage. He bounced two hooks off the body. Billy missed with a right but followed it right up with a hard left to the jaw. Joe threw a solid left to the head. Joe fired a right and two lefts to the head, then caught Billy going away with a long left. Louis dug what was probably the hardest left of the fight to Billy's midsection. Joe jabbed to the nose. Billy slipped to the bottom rope, apparently on water in a corner, but was up immediately. It was no knockdown. Louis was back to digging both hands into Billy's body now. They traded both hands to head and body. Billy hooked a left to the head but took a right and left to the jaw. They were mauling at close quarters at the bell. Louis's round.

ROUND ELEVEN

Joe nailed Billy with a short right. Then Joe dug two lefts to the body. In close, Louis dug another right to the jaw. Then Conn threw left and right to the body. Billy dug two lefts to the midsection as they half wrestled across the ring. Louis fired left and right to the body and Billy bounced a right off the head and another off the ribs. Conn hooked a left to the ear. Then Joe threw a right to the ribs as they remained at close quarters. Billy bounced a left off Joe's ear. Joe threw a right uppercut to the jaw, then Conn pummeled with a dozen punches around the body without a return. Two left hooks seemed to stagger Joe. Conn rushed in with a right hook to the body. Joe nailed Billy with a right to the jaw. They traded solid left hooks at the bell and now the crowd had gone absolutely mad. Conn's round.

ROUND TWELVE

Joe jobbed hard to the nose and then caught Billy with a glancing right on the head. Louis smashed a right to the head but took left and right to the body. Joe caught Billy with a vicious hook high on the body. Billy dug a hook to the midsection and caught a left on the jaw. Conn was now staying at close quarters and just keeping on punching. Louis bounced a left off the head. Billy fired a right to the jaw. Louis jabbed twice with his left to the face. In close, Joe threw two right to the ear. They traded hard left hooks. Then Conn dug both hands to the body. Billy staggered Joe with two smashing left hooks and Louis held on. Billy fired another hook that hurt Joe and now he was bearing in. They traded hard left hooks at the bell. Conn's round.

ROUND THIRTEEN

Billy walked right in with a right cross to the head. They traded solid left hands to the head. Louis had his right hand cocked, apparently ready for any opening. Billy dug a left into the body, then bounced another off the head. Louis smashed Conn with a hard right. Louis threw two lefts and right to the head and Conn was hurt. They stood against the ropes and flailed [illegible] Conn then fired at least 20 punches at the head and body. A hook opened Conn's right eye again. Louis staggered Billy with a smashing right to the head. He straightened Bill up with a vicious uppercut. He nailed Conn with two more rights. Conn came back with a hook to the head. Joe thrust a solid right that staggered Billy and he followed it up with three more. Another smashing right foogle floored Conn near Louis's own corner. Conn remained there until Referee Eddie Josephs completed the count of ten with Louis the winner by a knockout in 2 minutes 58 seconds of the 13th round.

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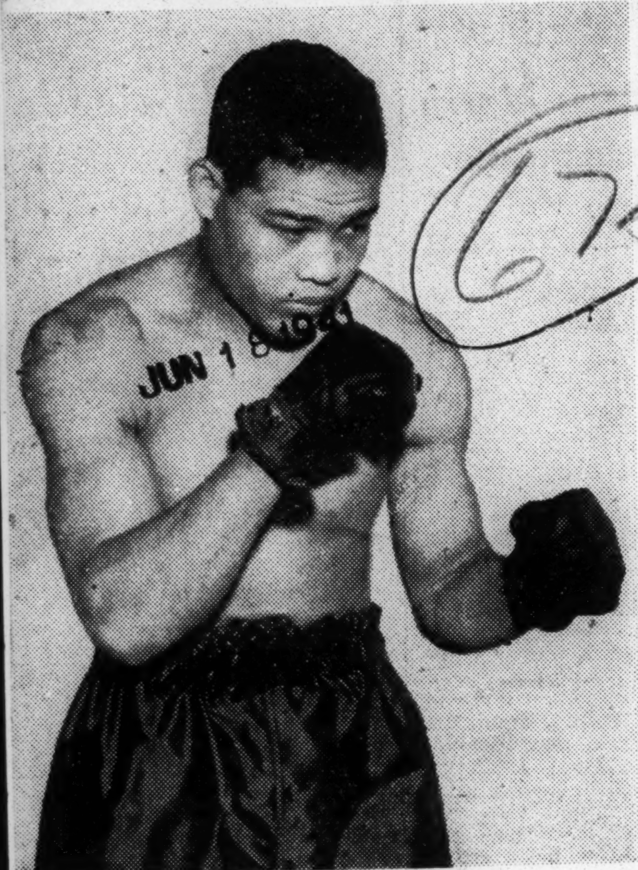

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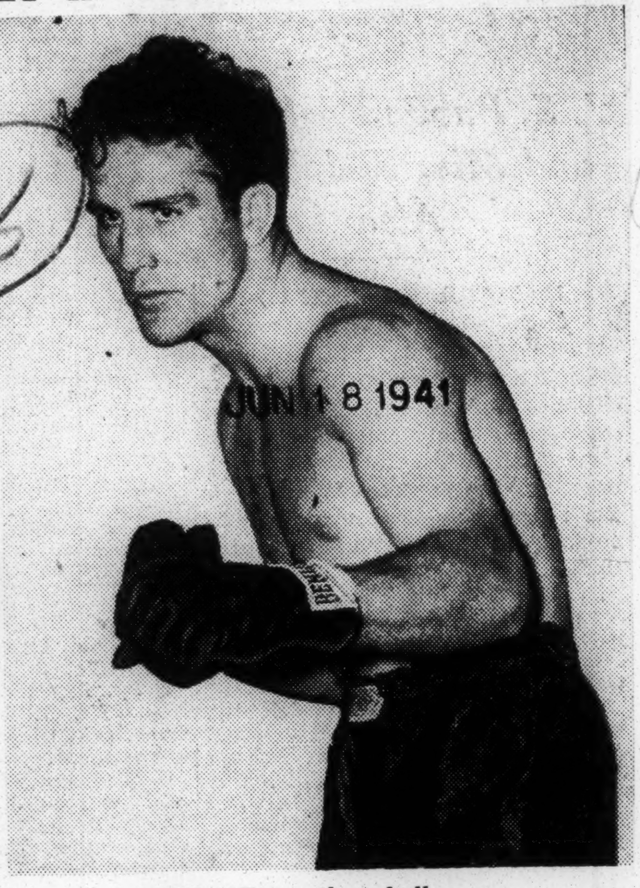

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In a half clinch Louis bounced left and right off Billy's head. Conn took a two-fisted pummeling on the body. Billy fired his right three times in close. Louis hooked a solid right to the jaw. Conn bounced his right off Joe's eye. They struck straight lefts at long range. Billy threw two rights to the head in close. Conn caught Louis at close quarters with left right and left to the head as Louis dug away at his body. Billy nailed Joe with a smashing right that brought the crowd to its feet. Conn poked two straight lefts to the face, then smashed two more solid rights to the jaw. Billy hooked hard to the head in close and continued to flail away as they fell into a clinch. Conn fired another hook to the head at the bell and the crowd went wild. Conn walked to his corner hollering to his seconds "I did it," "I did it!" Conn's round.

ROUND NINE

Billy crossed a hard right to the jaw. Then he was just short with another. Conn jabbed twice to the face. Billy came out of a half clinch and banged away with both hands to the head and Joe covered up. They traded straight lefts. Conn hooked a left to the jaw and two rights to the head. Joe jabbed twice to Billy's sore eye but took a hard right to the head. Conn fired a right to the head. Louis caught Conn with a hard straight left. Billy jabbed three times to the nose. In a half clinch, Joe bounced a hard hook off the jaw and another to the head, but Billy came right back with one for himself. Joe caught Billy off balance with a right to the head. Billy hooked two more lefts, one to the head and one to the body. They traded left jabs at the bell. Conn's round.

ROUND TEN

Joe came out rushing now, apparently intent on catching the dancer and doing damage. He bounced two hooks off the body. Billy missed with a right but followed it right up with a hard left to the jaw. Joe threw a solid left to the head. Joe fired a right and two lefts to the head, then caught Billy going away with a long left. Louis dug what was probably the hardest left of the fight to Billy's midsection. Joe jabbed to the nose. Billy slipped to the bottom rope, apparently on water in a corner, but was up immediately. It was no knockdown. Louis was back to digging both hands into Billy's body now. They traded both hands to head and body. Billy hooked a left to the head but took a right and left to the jaw. They were mauling at close quarters at the bell. Louis's round.

ROUND ELEVEN

Joe nailed Billy with a short right. Then Joe dug two lefts to the body. In close, Louis dug another right to the jaw. Then Conn threw left and right to the body. Billy dug two lefts to the midsection as they half wrestled across the ring. Louis fired left and right to the body and Billy bounced a right off the head and another off the ribs. Conn hooked a left to the ear. Then Joe threw a right to the ribs as they remained at close quarters. Billy bounced a left off Joe's ear. Joe threw a right uppercut to the jaw, then Conn pummeled with a dozen punches around the body without a return. Two left hooks seemed to stagger Joe. Conn rushed in with a right hook to the body. Joe nailed Billy with a right to the jaw. They traded solid left hooks at the bell and now the crowd had gone absolutely mad. Conn's round.

ROUND TWELVE

Joe jobbed hard to the nose and then caught Billy with a glancing right on the head. Louis smashed a right to the head but took left and right to the body. Joe caught Billy with a vicious hook high on the body. Billy dug a hook to the midsection and caught a left on the jaw. Conn was now staying at close quarters and just keeping on punching. Louis bounced a left off the head. Billy fired a right to the jaw. Louis jabbed twice with his left to the face. In close, Joe threw two right to the ear. They traded hard left hooks. Then Conn dug both hands to the body. Billy staggered Joe with two smashing left hooks and Louis held on. Billy fired another hook that hurt Joe and now he was bearing in. They traded hard left hooks at the bell. Conn's round.

ROUND THIRTEEN

Billy walked right in with a right cross to the head. They traded solid left hands to the head. Louis had his right hand cocked, apparently ready for any opening. Billy dug a left into the body, then bounced another off the head. Louis smashed Conn with a hard right. Louis threw two lefts and right to the head and Conn was hurt. Then stood against the ropes and flailed. Conn then fired at least 20 punches at the head and body. A hook opened Conn's right eye again. Louis staggered Billy with a smashing right to the head. He straightened Bill up with a vicious uppercut. He nailed Conn with two more rights. Conn came back with a hook to the head. Joe thrust a solid right that staggered Billy and he followed it up with three more. Another smashing right foogle floored Conn near Louis's own corner. Conn remained there until Referee Eddie Josephs completed the count of ten with Louis the winner by a knockout in 2 minutes 58 seconds of the 13th round.

Age-Herald

Birmingham, Ala.

Louis And Trainer Wrangle As Joe Goes To Harder Work

BY SID FEDER

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., June 11—(AP)—The charter of the "Joe Louis Bum of the Month Club" has been burned up—and Joe personally applied the match.

So seriously is the Brown Bomber taking his fight with Billy Conn a week from Wednesday night at the New York Polo Grounds that he not only is working harder than ever before to get ready but he has even wrangled with his long-time trainer pal, Jack "Chappie" Blackburn, over just how much training he really needs.

The result is that for the first time since he was preparing for his first fuss with Max Schmeling, at Lakewood, N. J., he and "Chappie" have had words. And the "hunch players" can't help but remember the last time they disagreed. If your memory wants refreshing, Der Mox applied the zinger to Joe in 12 rounds.

On that occasion, the row was over Louis' golf, than which there is no whicher when it comes to slamming a ball without picking its landing spot. Joe would go out under a blazing hot sun and Blackburn would chase him over the entire 18 holes trying to pull him off so he wouldn't bake.

This time Blackburn wants "the champ" to take things a little easier, inasmuch as he has been in steady training since last December, when he opened the Bum of the Month Club for the business with Al McCoy in Boston. Joe has other ideas, however. He feels he needs every minute of work he can put in between now and the time he says "howdy" to the Pittsburgh pretty boy. He is confident of the outcome, but not confident enough to pick the round in which he expects to apply the crusher.

As usual, Joe is having his way. Which means he is going through 10 solid days of sparring sessions without a layoff. And that's the longest grind he has ever put in without taking an afternoon off since he first hit the "big apple." Previously, he has always mapped a campaign of five days of boxing in every seven.

Blackburn had planned to keep Joe on the sidelines Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week. He announced after Tuesday's work that Joe would not train Wednesday.

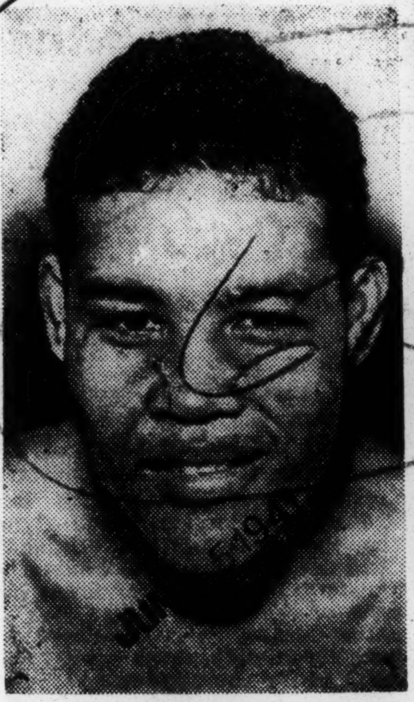
"I am, too," Joe broke in bluntly. And he did. He compromised somewhat by only boxing four rounds instead of six, and in one of these heats, against Joe Ca[illegible]o, a husky individual from Hartford, he was tagge da "beauty" right on the whiskers which made him blink momentarily.

This is a different Louis than the fellow who toyed with the alleged challengers they've been feeding him once a month this year. Joe is vicious again. He realizes he's slowed down somewhat, "but I ain't so slow that I ain't faster than that Conn," he adds.

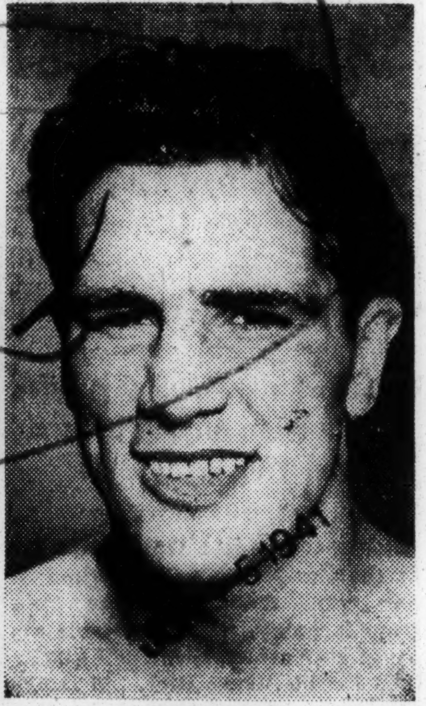
New York Times

New York, N. Y.

HEAVYWEIGHTS WHO WILL MEET IN TITLE BOUT



Joe Louis



Billy Conn

Times-Picayune

New Orleans, La.

If Billy Tries to Slug, It Will Be 'Suicide'

WHETHER OR NOT Conn is to become the next world's titleholder depends a great deal upon how Billy fights this fight. We've seen any number of good boxers make the mistake of trying to become sluggers and toss off chances of winning.

Jimmy Braddock made that big mistake. He had planned to outbox Louis in that memorable Chicago bout but when he knocked Joe down in the first round he forgot all about boxing and decided he could win by outslugging the challenger. He played right into Louis' hands.

If Conn sticks to his style of fighting and boxes, he can worry Louis more than any fighter he has met since winning the title. But should Billy think he can knock out the bomber in spite of the fact that he has never been known to be a knockout puncher, then his chances of winning will end. Titles rarely change hands on points but Conn has a chance to win by outpointing the champion.

Louis might have gone back some, but fighters don't lose their punch so easily. They might slow up in the legs but a fighter who can punch can still carry on. Joe Mandot was a clever boxer. When he lost that speed he was through because he couldn't knock anyone out. But take a fighter like Tony Canzoneri and you'll note a difference. When Tony's legs failed him, he was still able to fight because he retained that old wallop.

Louis was never a shifty boxer who could step around with the speed of a lightweight. He was always a puncher and can still hit. For this reason Conn can't get careless and think he can outslug a fighter with such a murderous punch.

If Conn fights Louis the way he should, it won't be much of a spectacle from a fan's viewpoint. It will be something like the first Louis-Pastor fight when the latter lasted 10 rounds by hitting and running away. Conn doesn't have to run away. He is a clever side-stepper, the kind of a fighter who is more apt to make Louis miss.

Everything hinges upon the kind of fight Conn makes. If he tries to stand up and slug with Louis he'll go the way of all others who have tried to do the same thing. If he sticks to his knitting and uses his boxing skill to advantage, he'll come as close as anybody to wresting the title from the present champion.

Journal and Guide

Norfolk, Virginia

White Hope Hysteria

IN the realm of pugilism we are beginning to see the development of a "white hope" hysteria, such as characterized prize fighting after Jack Johnson captured the heavyweight championship. Despite a ring record that is unparalleled in boxing history, and a sportsmanship that wins the admiration of friends and foes, Joseph Barrow Louis is up against a hostile press. That is the first step in the attempted dethronement of a champion. Make him unpopular; turn public sentiment against him; break his morale and hoot him down. It takes a stout heart to stand up against all these psychological devices for lowering a man's stamina.

Before Louis entered the ring with young Billy Conn, the eighteenth man to unsuccessfully contest his crown, sports writers on practically all of the leading newspapers in the East had predicted his defeat—on points. Conn's lightning speed, superb physical strength and prowess, plus his indomitable courage would certainly be more than a match for the "slipping" Louis, who had "lost 50 per cent of his striking power". Conn would win by a "decision".

Everything went according to predictions for twelve of the scheduled fifteen rounds. Conn managed to keep out of reach of Louis' haymakers while giving a dazzling exhibition of skillful boxing, in the course of which the champion came out second best on points. Then, as the thirteenth round opened Louis suddenly took command and ended the fight with a knockout.

Up went the cry that Conn had won the fight and the championship, but got careless and handed it back to Louis by standing up and exchanging blows with him.

Well, what is a contender for the heavyweight boxing championship supposed to do? Win by skillful dancing and dodging? Louis did not win that way. Sullivan did not win that way. Corbett did not win that way. Neither did Fitzsimmons, Tunney or any of the great champions of ring history.

Louis won the way that he knew he had to win—by a decisive knockout. The real test of Louis' greatness came when it became apparent to him that if he retained his crown he would have to put Conn on the mat for keeps. In that moment Conn was confronted with the task of preventing Louis from doing it. He was not able to do so. Right there it was demonstrated that even the fastest, most skillful boxer ever to face Joe was no match for him; that after twelve rounds of gruelling battling Joe was able to take advantage of his supreme moment when it arrived.

Joe Louis is too great a champion, too able and too clean a boxer to be chased out of the ring by a hostile press. Having restored boxing to its present dignity and fine sportsmanship it remains now to be seen if it will be returned to the racket that it was by the hirelings of a hostile press now in the throes of a "white hope hysteria".

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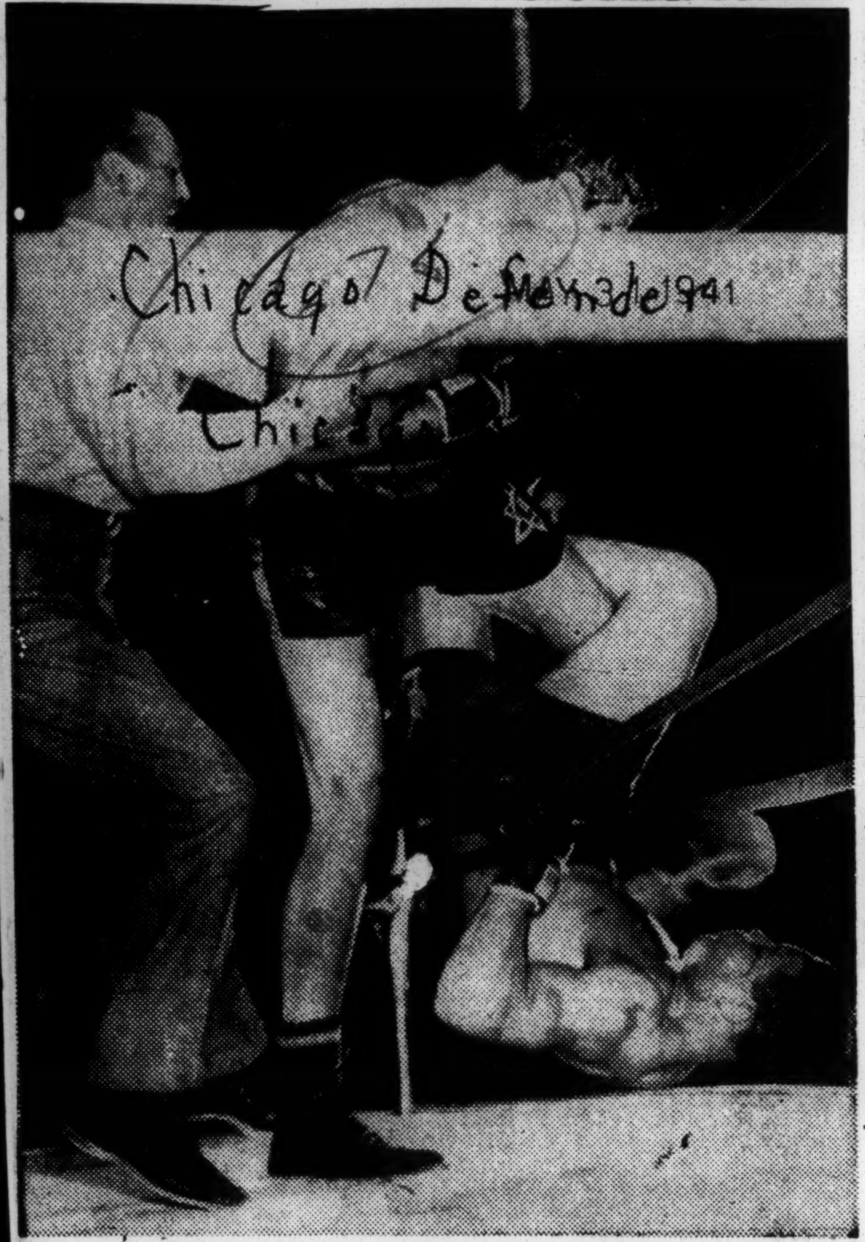
Louis Kneed In First But Makes No Complaint



Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, after he had been pushed through the ropes in the first round of his seventeenth title defense bout with Buddy Baer, brother of Maxie Baer of California, last Friday night at Griffith stadium in Washington, D.C. Reports say Baer knocked Joe out of the ring. Blackburn, Louis' trainer, says Joe tagged Baer with a left jab and as the big fellow went into a clinch with the champion, he pushed him back on the ropes in the corner. Joe lost his balance and fell over the ropes. Picture shows Joe "upside down" and it also shows Baer in the act of kneeing the champion. In the sixth round Baer visited the canvas three times. The third and last time has caused much discussion as to whether Baer was hit after the bell or at the bell. Referee Donovan said Louis hit Baer AT the bell and ruled him winner on a foul when Baer's manager refused to leave the ring at the start of the seventh round or permit Baer to continue.—Acme photo.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Should Joe Louis Retire?

Ancil (We Wuz Robbed) Hoffman, manager of Buddy Baer, asserted his man was fouled Friday night because Joe Louis's knockout punch was delivered three seconds after the bell sounded ending the sixth round.

Ancil cried foul to high heaven and demanded the title for Buddy who had been dragged to his corner and perched on a stool.

This would seem to be the only way Buddy could win the championship since he had been knocked down twice before, and spectators were hoping Referee Arthur Donovan would stop the fight and halt the butchery.

Donovan said that Louis started the K.O. punch before the bell rang and if the referee didn't hear the bell, the fighters can be forgiven too for not having heard it.

This leads us to two reflections.

First—The South still is not ready for a heavyweight boxing championship. The whites do not like to see the better man win if he is colored. And yet the only way for both races to learn better public manners and appreciate public spectacles without the use of coarse language and liquor is to have more mixed public gatherings.

Second—Joe Louis has beaten every legitimate challenger. Seventeen of them have sought his title and he has vanquished them all. He's set this record which will last for years.

In addition, he has been a clean-living youth and a gentleman inside the ring and out.

He has been a credit to boxing and has earned a pile of money. We would like to see him finish the year out and retire undefeated.

Nothing is more pitiful than a great champion who doesn't know when to quit the game and finally gets knocked silly by a second-rater.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

POLO GROUNDS TO BE BATTLE SCENE

Long Argument Heard On Mike Jacobs' Control Of Challenger

NEW YORK, May 28—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs announced Wednesday night, after a four-hour conference with Johnny Ray, manager of Billy Conn, that the heavyweight title bout between Conn and Champion Joe Louis was officially set for June 18 at the Polo Grounds.

The conference for a time broke out into a long and heated argument, ni which the chief bone of contention was the amount of control Jacobs is to have over Conn after the fight in case the Pittsburgh lad should win the championship.

At the same time it was learned plans are under way to shift Conn's training camp from Long Branch, N. J., to Pompton Lakes, N. J.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Hit Baer As Gong Rang

WASHINGTON—In a statement over his signed name, Arthur Donovan, referee of the Joe Louis vs. Buddy Baer fightfi of Friday night, May 23, told the United Press the following story:

By ARTHUR DONOVAN
Referee of the Louis-Baer Fight

Joe Louis hit Buddy Baer **AT** the bell—and NOT **afterwards.**

I want to get that straight from the start. There was no question about it in my mind.

But it was the toughest situation I have faced in my sixteen years as a referee.

Hoffman (Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager) rushed up to me and wanted me to disqualify Louis, claiming the blow was struck after the bell. I told him to go back to his corner and that his fighter would have to come out for the next round.

Refused to Leave Ring

I waited until ten seconds before the start of the seventh round and told him (Hoffman) and Baer's handlers to leave the ring. They didn't answer me.

Just as the bell rang for the seventh round Louis left his corner. I held him back and still insisted that Baer's handlers leave the ring. They still refused, so I immediately disqualified Baer because his handlers refused to leave the ring.

I made my decision and I am standing by it.

Now suppose, as some thought, that the blow was on its way before the bell sounded, but that it did not strike until after the bell. That still would be a LEGAL blow.

Suppose also—as some claim, but with whom I absolutely do

not agree—that Louis hit Baer after the bell. In that case, it would have been a matter for my own discretion. If I thought Louis did it deliberately, then I would have had to disqualify him. But it would be virtually impossible to prove it was deliberate.

Baer on Way Out

The heavyweight championship is the biggest prize in pugilism. It should not be allowed to be won in that fashion, anyway, particularly when a man is on his way out—which Baer was, as was apparent to every one The handwriting was on the wall and I probably would have had to stop the fight in the seventh round anyway.

If there was no deliberate intent, the most I could have done in such a case would have been to take the round away from Louis as a warning to him. And if Baer couldn't have come out for the seventh round, then I would have counted him out in his corner.

My disqualification of Baer was based on the fact that Baer's handlers refused to leave the ring for the start of the seventh

Baer's Handlers Blamed

The whole thing settles around his handlers. I disqualified Baer, not for his failure to come out for the seventh round, but for the failure of his handlers to leave the ring for the start of the seventh round.

It was entirely my responsibility and not that of the judges.

In view of the fact that the blow was not struck after the bell—but at the bell—and in view of the circumstances that followed, I had no other alternative but to disqualify Baer.

My decision stands. It is final. There is no appeal from my decision as far as I am concerned.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Boxing Head Discredits Charge Because Of Joe Louis' Reputation As A Clean Fighter

The Washington, D. C. boxing commission met Monday afternoon on the Joe Louis versus Buddy Baer decision of last Friday night. The meeting was to hear Ancil Hoffman's protest. Hoffman contended Baer should be awarded the verdict because Louis hit the Californian after the bell ending the sixth round.

Due to have met Saturday, the commission postponed the meeting until Monday. Monday, the commission reserved its decision and stated tersely that an announcement would be made at a later date.

Joe Triner, president of the National Boxing association, said Monday in a telephone conversation with the Chicago Defender's sport editor, that Louis was "still champion and as far as the N.B.A. was concerned would remain champion because there was no evidence that Louis deliberately hit Baer. Such a thing would be hard to prove," Triner said.

"Louis' record stands out," the N.B.A. head said. "He has been hit after the bell, has been heeled and fouled but at no time has Joe ever complained. He meets all challengers, picks none. Since he has been boxing he has demonstrated that he is one of the cleanest boxers in the ring and he is both a credit to his race and the ring game."

Typical of Louis' sportsmanship, lauded by Triner, was the report by Jack Blackburn, Louis' trainer, who said that Joe made no complaint to him after being kneed by Baer in the first round. This statement was made when Blackburn was shown the photo of Baer kneeing the champion.

Julian Black, Chicago realtor and co-manager of Louis, arrived in the city Monday afternoon from Washington. Black said no one at the ringside heard the bell. When asked if he had noticed that the bell had been placed under the ring, Black said he had not but that he did recall that it was not as loud as the gongs usually heard in outdoor fights.

Black said that the blow had started and was on its way when the bell sounded. He said that better than 80 per cent of the crowd were colored fight fans and included Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds; Judge and Mrs. Armand Scott and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, of the National Youth administration. "Of course Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson was there," Black stated.

Black called attention to the fact that Joe Trigg, formerly of Syracuse university varsity crew and also football player, and later football coach at Howard university, served as judge of the Louis-Baer fight and Dr. Herbert Marshall served as physician at the ringside.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

WIFE OF JOE LOUIS SUES FOR DIVORCE

Champion Struck Her Twice, Chicago Court Is Told

CHICAGO, July 2 (AP)—Suit for divorce from Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, was filed in Superior Court today by Marva Trotter Louis. She charged cruelty.

Mrs. Louis, who filed the action under her husband's real name, Barrow, charged that the Negro boxer struck her first on Jan. 2, 1941, and again on April 19, on which date the two separated.

They were married in New York City on Sept. 24, 1935. There are no children.

Sidney P. Brown, counsel for Mrs. Barrow, said that trial of the divorce action could not come up before Autumn. Meanwhile, he said, she planned to ask for temporary alimony.

"There is a bare possibility of a reconciliation," the lawyer said. "We already have discussed an out-of-court settlement with Joe's lawyer in case the suit goes to trial."

William H. Temple, counsel for the boxer, said he had no comment on the suit. He said he had not been instructed to contest the action.

Mrs. Barrow said in her suit that Louis owns property valued "in excess of $400,000" in Chicago, Detroit and Wayne County, Mich. Personal funds, investments and cash amount to another $400,000, the petition said, and Louis' annual income [illegible] his heavyweight title defense was set at $250,000.

By The Associated Press.

DETROIT, July 2—Joe Louis, who was playing golf when told about his wife's divorce suit, appeared stunned, and said:

"I don't believe it. I absolutely know nothing about it."

Louis denied he had struck his wife and said he would not contest the divorce action.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

RETURN BATTLE SET IN OCTOBER

Referee Arthur Donovan Not Present At Washington Hearing

...WASHINGTON, May 28—(AP)—Buddy Baer's claim to the world heavyweight title, on the contention he was fouled by Champion Joe Louis in their bout here last Friday, was rejected Wednesday by the District of Columbia Boxing Commission.

The commission upheld Referee Arthur Donovan's action in declaring Baer the loser by disqualification. Donovan was scheduled to come here for a hearing Wednesday, but sent word that fog prevented the takeoff of his plane in New York.

Chairman Claude [illegible] announced that Promoter Mike Jacobs had agreed to match Baer and Louis in a return title bout here the first week in October.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

BomberAdmits HeDoesn'tPack Former Power

Louis Says He May Quit Ring After Nova Engagement.

DETROIT, July 5.—(AP)—Fistic experts who contend that Joe Louis has slowed down had the word of the heavyweight champion today that "I ain't near the fighter I used to be."

Between rounds of golf, before he left yesterday to play in a tournament at Pittsburgh, the Negro battler who has defended his title 18 times since acquiring it in 1937 took stock of himself.

"I guess I'se slipped pretty far," he said with deadpan seriousness. "Won't know how far until my next fight with Lou Nova in September."

Then, without batting an eye, he added:

"If I find then I'se slipped too far, I'll give it all up. Ain't no use goin' on—just to get punched around."

His reason for thinking he had lost some of his ring acumen and dynamite punch?

IN CONN BOUT.

"Why," he answered, "what happened in the (Billy) Conn fight. I have him in the third round and again in the fifth, but I can't finish him. I knew then that I'se slipped. Chappie (Jack Blackburn, his trainer) kept telling me that no little fellow should beat me, especially no little fellow who was 25 pounds lighter'n me.

"But I can't stop him till the thirteenth round. Then, I think it was Conn who beat himself. He fights hisself out in the twelfth and then I finish him in the thirteenth."

What has caused him to slip?

"Dunno for sure," said Louis. "Guess it was a couple of things. I been working too hard. I been in training since November 13 and ain't had but one little vacation of two weeks between fights.

TIN ROOF.

"I guess my training for Buddy Baer in Washington helped some, too. The building I trained in had a tin roof. It was awful hot there. I noticed that in my sparring I was getting tired after two rounds. Figured it was the heat that done it. Anyhow, I know I ain't as good a [illegible] as I used to be.

"I figure if I can't knock Nova out fast, with the openings he always leaves, then I'se slipped too far. Will be time to quit and I'll do it right away."

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By JOHN KIERAN

This Way For the Big Show

IT was four years ago this month that Joe Louis left Jersey James Braddock flat on the floor of the ring in the White Sox ball park in Chicago and walked off with the heavyweight championship title. Since that time the Shuffler has beaten sixteen men who tried to take the title away from him. Sixteen; that's right. There were seventeen championship fights in the string, but one of the challengers, Arturo Godoy, the Kissing Bug of the Andes, was stubborn and doubled back for a second shot at the Shuffler. He fared worse the second time than he did in his first bout, but it paid well and Arturo had no complaint.

Now comes William David Conn of Pittsburgh, Pa., the seventeenth challenger, to meet J. Shufflin' Louis, who will be making his eighteenth defense of his title. Louis is the favorite. Why wouldn't he be? He has a terrific punch. He has beaten off all the others. Why should Conn be an exception?

Hold that hand! Leggo that rock! This is just for the sake of argument. This is just to fill in while the heroes are readying themselves for the ring. Has Conn any chance? Certainly he has a chance. He has a better chance than any of the platoon that previously assaulted the champion. Billy the Conn Man is fast. He has a good left hand. He might be too clever for the Shuffler. He might. And then he might not. The matter is in doubt at the moment. That's why the fight is being held.

Prophets and Losses

Just because Louis is the favorite is no reason for taking it for granted that he will win. The prophets had it that Gene Tunney had no chance with Jack Dempsey that rainy night in Philadelphia many years ago, but Gene came away with the crown. The head waiter laughed when somebody spoke to him in English and said Braddock would beat Baer. Poor old Jim. He had been beaten a score of times. The Big Bad Baer was absolutely contemptuous of Plain James, and most of the onlookers agreed with him until the fight began. But James won, though it was practically by default.

This same Joe Louis was considered a cinch to slaughter Schmeling in their first meeting. That one went the way the prophets hadn't predicted and weren't looking. So there's always a chance. Even Buddy Baer had a chance in Washington recently. He couldn't follow through when Louis came back through the ropes, but the chance was there just the same. The globular Galento astonished the multitude by putting the Shuffler down and it was with no sneak punch, push or wrestling hold. It was a lovely wallop.

Reeling Under the Punches

But those fellows could punch. The general belief is that Conn doesn't hit that hard. Does that diminish his chance or wipe it out entirely? Not at all. He might win in entirely different fashion. He might box his way to the title. He might dodge the heavy blows launched by the Dark Destroyer and pile up points by going in and out fast, landing any number of hooks and jabs.

The previous contenders never had any chance of doing that—with the possible exception of Bob Pastor and he wasn't quite up to it. Those other fellows had to try to trade punches with Louis. That was their only chance. It wasn't good enough. Maybe Conn's chances aren't good enough, either, but they look better before the fighting starts.

There is the point that Conn isn't as large, lumpy and thick through the head and torso as most of those challengers who were mowed down by the Dark Destroyer. That's a help to Billy Boy in some ways but a handicap in another way. It enables him to step lively but it doesn't make him any sturdier in case he is tagged with one or more of those leather thunderbolts that J. Shufflin' Louis deals out. That's something else to think about. There are so many things to think about that the issue becomes clouded, and any conclusion just a vague supposition.

Backward, Turn Backward

There are those who insist that the Conn Man is just an overgrown light-heavyweight and going out of his class in meeting the champion. That's the result of allowing free speech in this country. There are others who say that Louis is slipping. That's the result of reading history. All champions slip in time. The trick is to guess the time by the watch around the ringside.

Well, Joe Louis is 27 undoubtedly has lost something of the speed he had when he was 22 or 23, but he should be stronger at 27 than he was at 22 or 23. Who is to strike a balance there of total gain or loss for fighting purposes? Gene Tunney was at his best when he was 27 or 28. L'il Arthur Johnson didn't win the title until he was 30. Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons, the Freckled Cornishman, won the title at 35. Gentleman Jim Corbett was 26 when he defeated the great John L. Sullivan.

Age cannot wither Joe Louis's chances—not at 27. But custom might stale his defense. He has been champion for four years. He has beaten off a flock of opponents. What was once high adventure must be something of a chore now. Just another fight. Just another defense of his title. If he wins this, there's another ahead. More training. He must be pretty well fed up with the grind by this time. More crowds. He must be tired of being pushed around in the great whirl. More money. He has plenty of that.

Two Chances for Conn

The way this observer looks at it, Conn has two chances running his way. He may be able to duck the big blows of the Dark Destroyer and carve out a victory with speed and clever boxing. That's one chance. The other is that Louis may have slipped not from the weight of years but under the accumulation of victories and rich purses. The driving spirit counts in the ring just as it does on the ball field, the gridiron or any other field of competitive sport. Where victory becomes a habit the fire eventually goes out of the athlete or the team. The old zest is missing.

Perhaps that second chance would loom brighter if it were Lou Nova moving in against Louis tonight. Lou can take more punishment and keep going than Conn can. And Louis is the gent who can hand out punishment if he catches up with his target. Conn's first chance is his best chance. "Box him: don't fight him!" It might go that way to Conn. But if the Dark Destroyer tags Billy Boy early or late, it will put out the Conn Man and all the lights at the Polo Grounds.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Bomber Comes Very Close To Losing Title

Challenger Outpoints Champion 8 to 4 for 12 Rounds.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, June 18.—Joe Louis held onto his world heavyweight championship tonight—but he never came closer to losing it.

For 12 full rounds, Billy Conn, the "fresh kid" from Pittsburgh who wasn't supposed to have a "prayer," the good little man who was laughed at as a challenger, gave the Brown Bomber more than he sent. Then Joe found the range and with a fearful bombardment that lasted less than a minute and a half, he chopped Conn down in the thirteenth.

The curly-haired Irish kid was literally beaten to the floor, and, helpless, remained there as Referee Eddie Josephs counted him out. He made an effort to get up at "ten," but he couldn't make it.

STRETCHES RECORD.

Thus, Louis stretched his all-time record run as "king of the ring" to 18 straight defenses, but, as the fight ended, a roaring crowd, estimated at 50,000 that jammed this big National League ball park, wondered if two seconds might not have meant the difference between the old boss or a cry for "the king is dead, long live the king."

For Billy was counted out at 2:58 of the 13th after the most housing heavyweight title fight since Tony Galento and the Bomber put on their old-fashioned slugfest two years ago. And, had he been able to make those two seconds to the 14th, he might have stayed out of harm's way for two more rounds, to win on a decision. For the 12 completed rounds, he was master. On the Associated Press' score card he led eight rounds to wour at that point, making it an absolute "must" for Joe to put the crusher on to keep his crown.

WAS A SCRAP.

But win or lose for Conn, brother, this was a scrap. Joe started out just as he had indicated in his training camp. He had Billy Boy hanging on by the end of the second. Then something happened. Mostly, it was Billy's "Irish" coming out. Through the third and fourth he started to tag Joe, with no more concern for the Destroyer's dynamite than if Louis' hands were feather dusters.

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Louis Fite Receipts Near Five Million

Champ Has More Bouts Where the Receipts Exceeded $200,000 Than Any Other Fighter

NEW YORK—When Joe Louis meets Billy Conn Wednesday, it will be the ninth fight in which the gate receipts have exceeded $200,000.

Jack Dempsey, the greatest drawing card the ring has ever known, was in only six bouts that drew over $200,000. However, since 1935, 408,458 fans have paid into the till $4,614,395 in order to see Joe Louis fight. These are the figures only for the bouts in which the gate receipts have exceeded $200,000.

Back in the years '23 to '27, when prosperity was everywhere, 482,350 fans paid $9,067,988 to see Jack Dempsey do his stuff.

Here is the list of the record gates for boxing.

It is significant that five Jack Dempsey fights topped the list and only two of the five were held in New York. The biggest gate for any fight was the Tunney-Dempsey fight in Chicago with receipts over two and one-half million dollars. The biggest attendance at any fight was the Tunney-Dempsey fight in Philadelphia, where 120,000 fans went through the turnstiles.

Date	Bout	Site	Receipts	Attendance
9/22/27	Tunney-Dempsey	Chicago	$2,658,660	104,945
9/23/26	Tunney-Dempsey	Philadelphia	1,895,733	120,757
7/ 2/21	Dempsey-Carpentier	Jersey City	1,789,238	80,000
9/14/23	Dempsey-Firpo	New York	1,888,603	82,000
7/21/27	Dempsey-Sharkey	New York	1,083,530	75,000
6/22/38	Louis-Schmeling	New York	1,015,012	70,000
9/25/35	Louis-Max Baer	New York	1,000,832	88,150
6/12/30	Schmeling-Sharkey	New York	749,935	79,222
6/22/37	Louis-Braddock	Chicago	715,470	45,500
7/26/28	Tunney-Heeney	New York	691,014	45,890
6/19/36	Schmeling-Louis	New York	547,541	42,088
9/11/24	Firpo-Wills	Jersey City	509,[illegible]	70,000
7/ 4/19	Dempsey-Willard	Toledo, O.	452,224	19,650
6/21/32	Sharkey-Schmeling	New York	432,365	61,863
7/12/23	Firpo-Willard	Jersey City	430,939	[illegible]0,000
6/14/34	Baer-Carnera	New York	428,000	[illegible]6,000
2/27/29	Sharkey-Stribling	Miami, Fla.	405,000	40,000
6/27/29	Schmeling-Paolina	New York	378,902	65,000
7/ 3/31	Schmeling-Stribling	Cleveland	349,415	37,396
9/20/39	Louis-Pastor	Detroit	347,870	35,868
6/28/39	Louis-Galento	New York	333,308	34,852
6/25/35	Louis-Carnera	New York	328,655	62,000
8/30/37	Louis-Farr	New York	325,707	32,000
7/ 4/10	Johnson-Jeffries	Reno, Nev.	270,755	42,000
9/26/29	Sharkey-Loughran	New York	254,501	35,000
6/ 8/33	Max Baer-Schmeling	New York	244,866	55,000
7/22/31	Sharkey-Walker	Brooklyn	238,831	33,156
6/13/35	Braddock-Max Baer	New York	205,366	35,000

The figures above are for heavyweight bouts only. A few bouts outside the heavyweight division have attracted gates in excess of $200,000. The second Leonard-Tendler match in June, 1923, drew $452,648 and a crowd of 58,000.

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There's Always An 'If' Following Joe Louis Bouts

If Billy Conn Hadn't 'Slugged It Out' He'd Be Champ

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, June 20.—(The Special News Service)—If Billy Conn hadn't believed he could slug it out with Joe Louis, Billy probably would be world champion today.

Joe Louis won by a knockout.

If Buddy Baer had followed up his advantage after putting Joe Louis through the ropes, Buddy might have won the title.

Joe Louis won by a knockout

If Abe Simon had had two good hands, instead of only the left as he claimed, he might have defeated Joe Louis.

Joe Louis won by a knockout.

If Tony Galento had followed through with another left hook after he knocked Joe Louis down, Tony might have been the champion.

Joe Louis won by a knockout.

Joe Louis' record is cluttered with "ifs," all voiced in a plaintive bleat by the losers and their followers and all as futile as those saddest words of tongue or pen: it might have been.

Why is it they never had to say: "If Louis hadn't been careless he wouldn't have been knocked out," or "if Louis hadn't had his eye cut he would have gone the limit?" We're just asking.

Could it be because Joe Louis outlines his own destiny, makes his own breaks and takes advantage of them? Could it be, in short, that Joe Louis has a little more of what it takes than the other fellow?

There is something as final as death about that terse statement. "Louis won by a knockout."

It smothers all the ifs, all the might-have-beens. For, after all, the main idea of a fight is to win, and the most convincing way to win is by a knockout. Joe Louis' opponents have the same opportunity. It's just unfortunate for them that they seem to make all the mistakes. Louis, it seems, never makes a mistake, or at least a fatal mistake.

All the "ifs" associated with the losers can be dismissed but one—the Billy Conn if. The other fellows never had a chance. Even in Conn's case the use of "if" is debatable. Louis had been waiting patiently for just such a chance. He thought it would come sooner or later. We thought so too, even after that 12th round when Louis was a pretty seasick sailor.

There is something so deadly, so merciless about his stalking that you feel that somehow, somewhere along the line he will explode and wipe out any deficit. One little opening, one clean shot and it is the beginning of the end.

As for Billy Conn, there is just one word for him—magnificent. Physically out of his class, facing dynamite fists, he staked everything on his fleetness of foot, boxing skill and courage. Mostly courage.

We take back anything we ever said about him being a poor match for the champion, but at the same time we believe that if they fought again the same thing would happen. Somewhere, somehow that opening would appear in Billy's armor. Louis might look like a novice until that time, but he has looked bad before, and always the time-worn headline is dragged out:

"Louis wins by a knockout."

Give a real sportsman the credit due.

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LOUIS' SPOUSE SAYS JOE TO RETIRE BY '42

'Will Have Him to Myself Then,' She Says in Chicago

By Frank Mastro
(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Chicago, June 21.—Reports that Joe Louis will retire from the ring before 1942 were confirmed recently by the Brown Bomber's wife, the former Marva Trotter of Chicago.

Mrs. Louis is extremely happy over the prospect.

"Joe has been practically a stranger to me," she says jokingly. "I don't see him often enough. He always seems to be training for a fight. I don't want to appear to be a crab, but I'd like to have my husband to myself once in a while."

Six Months of Steady Work

The Bomber has been in constant training since last December when he opened drills for the first of a series of monthly contests, the first against Al McCoy. Joe followed up a six-round technical knockout of McCoy with consecutive victories over Clarence "Red" Burman in New York, Gus Dorazio in Philadelphia, Abe Simon in Detroit, Tony Musto in St. Louis, and Buddy Baer in Washington.

Louis, whose gross earnings total approximately $2,000,000 in the seven years he has fought professionally, is well fixed financially, his investment including annuity policies and real estate properties.

May Joined Armed Service

Asked about Joe's probable induction into the army in September, Mrs. Louis said she had no objection to his entry in the service.

Gene Tunney, retired undefeated heavyweight titleholder, is athletic director at the naval air base at Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Louis hopes Joe receives a similar post in the army.

Louis received his questionnaire shortly before Christmas and the following February was given a 3-A rating by his draft board on the south side of Chicago. Subsequently this classification was changed, making the boxer eligible for call when his number comes up, because Mrs. Louis is not a dependent due to her husband's large income.

'Long Time No See'

Mrs. Louis believes she would get to see Joe more often when he becomes a soldier than she does now, believing he would be granted week-end or monthly furloughs.

Following his 18th championship risk against Billy Conn in New York, Mrs. Louis met Joe in the home of his mother in Detroit June 20. It was the first time they had seen each other since the Bomber entered training more than two months ago for his successful defense against Buddy Baer.

After a scheduled return encounter with Abe Simon next month, Louis will take a month's vacation. He will spend this first respite from training in seven months by participating in two golf tournaments in August, the first of which he is sponsoring in Detroit August 12, 13 and 14. The other will be in Boston later. Joe, whose love for golf is second only to baseball, shoots in the 80s.

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SPORTS FROM THE *Crow's Nest*

By HARRY MARTINEZ

Conn Has Chance to Win by Outboxing Louis

BILLY CONN appears to have more than an even chance to win the heavyweight title from Joe Louis when they meet Wednesday night at the Polo Grounds. The champion hasn't met anyone as skillful as Conn, as a boxer, and for this reason he has something to worry about and is apt to fumble his title away trying to find the target for his murderous lefts and rights.

This fight is more like the Louis-Farr battle than any in which Louis has taken part. We saw Tommy extend the "Brown Bomber" in staying the limit with him at Yankee Stadium. Louis won, but the fight was much closer than one might imagine.

For nearly seven rounds Louis did nothing but jab Farr in the face until he had cuts under both eyes. The Welshman, however, was a dead-game scrapper. He made a strong finish, shaking Louis at one stage and as the bout ended the fans were shouting for a decision in Farr's favor. Louis just couldn't handle this good little man as he had the bigger fellows.

Conn, in the writer's opinion, is a more polished fighter than Farr. He can step around better than Farr. Tommy stood in the ring and took punches a clever boxer like Conn doesn't have to take. Billy is apt to have Louis crazy trying to find him. The bomber has been so accustomed to having big targets before him to slug, such as Tony Galento, Abe Simon and Buddy Baer, to mention a few, that he will find it a lot different when called upon to match speed with speed.

Louis has never been a great boxer. He is mechanical with his left jab, especially when he has a slow-moving target before him. What he likes is for the big fellows to slug with him. Braddock made that mistake when he lost the title. Louis can outlast most of the sluggers because he hits harder. Tony Galento had him down twice, but he got up and punished "Two-Ton" severely until the referee stopped it.

The trouble with most of Louis' opponents is that they have been only mediocre. None of them have been real challengers for the title. The bomber has gone along because he hasn't had much opposition.

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JOE LOUIS HAS BEEN GREATEST "FIGHTING CHAMPION" OF RING

"Brown Bomber" Has Met All Comers; Has Defended Title 17 Times In 4 Years; Dempsey's Was Only 5 Times in 7 Years

(By Melancholy Jones for ANP)

Champion	Years Held Title	Successful Defenses
Sullivan		0
Corbett	4½	1
Fitzsimmons	2	0
Jefferies	5½	5
Burns	2	2
Johnson	6¼	5
Willard	4	2
Dempsey	7	5
Tunney	2	2
Schmeling	1	1
Sharkey	1	0
Carnera	1	2
Baer	1	0
Braddock	1	0
Louis	4	17

JOE LOUIS is the "fightingnest" champion that ever lived. When he faces Billy Conn on June 18th at the Polo Grounds the Tan Embalmer will have "gone to bat" 18 time, in just four years. The Detroit Destroyer won the world heavyweight title June 22, 1937, when he kayoed Jimmy Braddock in eight rounds.

Louis' extreme energy in risking his prized crown is in direct contrast to the tendencies of the other heavyweight champions before him. John L. Sullivan, for example, held the title from 1882, a space of 10 years, but did not make a single defense of the crown in all that time. When Sullivan did lay his title on the line for the first time, he was beaten in 21 rounds at New Orleans, by Gentleman Jim Corbett.

Four other champions after Sullvan—Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Sharkey, Max Baer and Jimmy Braddock—failed to make a single successful defense of the crown.

Busiest heavyweight champions before Joe Louis were Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey. All three held the crown over five years, but defended it successfully only five times. The sixth time out, Jeffries, who retired undefeated and came back "an old man" to regain white supremacy in the heavyweight class, was stopped by Johnson in 15 rounds at Reno, Nevada, July 4, 1910.

The sixth time out was a jinx to Johnson and Dempsey, too. Johnson was topped by Willard in 26 rounds at Havana, Cuba, April 5, 1915, and Dempsey was decisioned by Tunney in 10 rounds in Philadelphia, September 23, 1926.

Max Schmeling was the lone champion of the entire list of 15 to win the world crown on a foul. Flat on his back when the contest was terminated, Schmeling was declared winner over Jack Sharkey in the fourth canto, July 12, 1930. Sharkey later decisioned the German in 15 rounds in Long Island City, N. Y., to win the title.

"The Phantom Rulers" of prize ring history were Schmeling, Sharkey, Primo Carnera, Baer and Braddock. None of these was able to hold the world heavyweight crown but a single year

No heavyweight champion has ever lost the heavyweight crown and won it back. Sharkey was beaten by Schmeling on a foul and came back to win the title from the German. But it must be remembered that Jack did not hold the tile at the time of the first match.

Have you ever observed how significant the letter "J" has been in heavyweight history? "J" is the "fightingest" letter in the alphabet. Nearly all the great fighters in the division have had the letter "J" as some part of their full name.

For example JOHN (L. Sullivan), Gentleman JIM (Corbett), JIM (Jeffries), JACK (Johnson), JESS (Willard), JACK (Dempsey), JIMMY (Braddock), and JOE LOUIS.

The list includes three Jacks, three Jims, a John, a Jess and a Joe. The "fightingnest" names, one may judge from this phenomenon, are Jack and Jim. John and Jess are more rare. The name Joe is highly prevalent in big league baseball, but almost extinct in heavyweight championship consideration where Louis is anything but "Just another guy named Joe." A few of the copious baseball guys named Joe which are immediately subject to call in the memory column includes Joe Di Maggio, Medwick, Cronin, Gordon, Kuhel, Grace, Hoving, Cleary, Haynes and Dobson.

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HEAVY CHAMP 5-16 FAVORITE AS ODDS JUMP

Bomber's 18th Defense Of Crown Expected To Draw 40,000

Challenger Will Spot 20 Pounds, Weighing In At Below 180

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 17—(AP)—Joe Louis puts his world heavyweight championship on the line for the eighteenth time Wednesday night, and for the first time in three years there's some question as to whether his guns are going to go off.

He tangles with Billy Conn, a handsome curly-haired Irish kid from Pittsburgh, for 15 rounds or less in the Polo Grounds at 8 p.m. (Birmingham time). And so large has "Pretty Boy's" slim figure loomed on the heavyweight horizon in the past six months that 40,000 of the faithful are expected to pour into the big Harlem ball park.

> **FIGHT ON WSGN**
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> Radio Station WSGN will carry a blow-by-blow description of the Joe Louis-Billy Conn heavyweight championship fight Wednesday night. The broadcast will start at 8 p.m.
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> It is the first of a new series offered by the Mutual Broadcasting System.

They will contribute to a gross gate which Promoter Mike Jacobs confidently expects will hit the 400,000 mark and go beyond. And they will be sitting in to see the answer to two questions:

Has Louis gone back; has he lost his dynamite?

Are Conn's terrific speed and dazzling left hand enough to stand up for the "derby route" against the fearful flailing power of the Bomber?

No matter how you look at it, that is exactly how the fight shapes up. It's the old argument of the good little man and the good big one. At 27, riding high on the longest reign any heavyweight ruler has enjoyed, Louis is no longer the dark destroyer of that night three years ago when he put Max Schmeling into a hospital in 2½ minutes. He has lost the drive and "spark" which invariably leaves a fighter when he's no longer hungry. He is slower. He doesn't "get off" his punches with the speed of a 16-inch gun cutting loose any more. But he can still make birdies sing for anybody he hits enough.

Against that Conn brings four years of youth and a boxing ability the like of which hasn't been seen since Tommy Loghran was the Philadelphia phantom. He has a left hook to the body which has put several of his rivals on a milk diet for a couple of days after he finished bouncing shots off their hide. He loves fighting as much as buying a new suit and haberdashery is a pride and joy to him.

He has been chasing this one big money shot at the title for two years and finally grabbed the brass ring by abdicating the world's light-heavyweight championship. He tore through several of our better than average heavyweights while Louis was rapidly exhausting the supply of others.

Since before last Christmas, the Bomber, has been going up and down the countryside playing one-night one-a-month stands on the tour of his "bum of the month

"club." He has been the fightingest heavyweight king of all time, taking the good ones and the bad ones, the brave and the frightened, the boxers and the sluggers, and with this engagement may boost his ring earnings over $2,000,000. Three weeks ago, he stopped Buddy Baer in Washington after being knocked out of the ring himself.

Different League

But this is a different league, and no one knows it better than Joe himself. He has worked harder in training for this get-together than for any since he was out for revenge against Schmeling. He has concentrated on high-geared speed, apparently preparing to come out pitching with the opening gun, intent on tearing Billy Boy apart with one punch, if one will do. On top of that, he has been irked out of his sleepy monosyllabic self by what he insists are Conn's "smart cracks."

"That Billy is too fresh and talks too much," he insists when asked about the Smoky City youngster's comment that Joe is only half the fighter he was.

This peeve of the champion's along with the fact that Conn will be spotting the Bomber more than 20 pounds—he'll weigh in at less than 180 and Joe will hit 200 more or less, on the nose—have led many to put the finger on Louis to keep right on in the winner's circle. However, the actual betting odds, after narrowing down to 2 to 5, went up Tuesday to 5 to 16 in favor of Louis. This is the shortest price Joe has been for any tussle since the second Schmeling go. Even the fight writers coming in for the fight only go for Louis on a 2 to 1 majority.

After a couple of years of just so-so interest in major fistic doings, the folks are making this one an old-fashioned pre-depression shindig. Broadway has been jammed with out-of-towners for 48 hours. The mid-town hotels noted for housing the sports crowd are dusting off the "S. R. O." signs. Places like Dempsey's and Lindy's and Toots Shor's are holding gatherings of the clan almost hourly as new faces among the "fight mob" hit town. It's the big show again.

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Conn Backers Putting Money

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'I'll Win By A Decision,' Says Billy

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Down On Line For Big Scrap

By SID FEDER
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, June 15.—There is something about the whole picture of the Louis-Conn fight that just doesn't add up.

It became more apparent than ever today as both the champion and the challenger went through their last stiff sessions of banging sparring partners around in preparation for Wednesday night's get-together at the Polo Grounds.

At the finish, the 49th Street betting commissioners agreed that this is the "bettingest" fight to come along since Louis's second session with Max Schmeling.

This in itself is amazing since it was only a few weeks ago that a lot of folks were giving the Pittsburgh pretty boy no chance in the world of doing anything the Bomber wouldn't like.

On top of that, they've shaved the odds down to 2 to 5 on Joe, and still the boys and girls with a bob or two are coming along to lay it on the line. Yet when Louis was 1 to 8 against such dreadnaughts as Buddy Baer and Abe Simon, the would-be betters would rather invest in a case of poison ivy.

Then there is the fact that Conn is just a little man. When he finished mussing up four sparmates today he scaled just over 175. He will probably be three or four pounds heavier when the boys weigh in at noon Wednesday, alongside a comparatively gigantic Joe at 200.

But most of all, has been the way the two tusslers have gone to work on this thing. To Conn it has been just another fight all during his training at Pompton Lakes, N. J., he has pooh poohed Joe as "just another fighter now, because he's lost 50 per cent of his punch."

"I'm going to win by a decision," he told the Associated Press today. "This is just another fight for me, even though the world's heavyweight championship has been my goal for three years."

On the other hand, Louis, fresh from a season of bowling over secondrate heavyweights up and down the countryside, has come up to this fight as if he expected to take on a combination Dempsey, Sullivan and Army tank all in one, instead of an overgrown light-heavyweight. He predicts a knockout and his training work of crowding sparmates, trying for a quick Sunday punch, has shown it.

Yet he lacks considerable of his old drive, even although his right is still nothing to "hang out your chin" for.

It is largely after watching these antics, beside a firm conviction that Conn's speed is just a little more than Joe is geared to go along with, that I pick Billy Boy to win the decision and dethrone Louis in this, his 18th title defense and thus end the longest reign of any king of the ring in modern history.

Conn's speed is a lot like Whirlaway has shown in the three-year-old turf world. He goes along for a while just waltzing, then he throws it in high and that's all, brother.

There are two things, however, that may make this just another stop in the Louis grand tour. One is that Billy won't be able to go low speed in the first few rounds, as he has done in the past. If he does, Joe will walk in there and tear his head off.

The other is that Conn will have to "keep his Irish down" this time. In the past whenever Billy has been tagged, he has gone off the handle and waded in toe-to-toe with his particular partner of the moment. Anyone in his right mind would just as soon stand up to the business end of a Missouri mule as try to trade shot for shot with Louis.

Money continued to pour into Promoter Mike Jacobs's ticket office today until "Uncle Mike's" smile spread from Broadway nearly to Eighth Avenue. All signs now point to the original gate estimate of $300,000 as a soft touch to reach and pass. The possibility grew for the first gate of over half a million dollars in three years. This would mean 40,000 or more customers.

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Conn Picked to Beat Louis With Boxing by Dan Morgan

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

New York, June 11.—Billy Conn will defeat Joe Louis with boxing ability, in the opinion of Dan Morgan, New York's boxing oracle, who usually knows. "Some fight managers instruct their charges 'to get in and punch. They can't hurt us.' But all of the ring cunning which is Billy Conn's—and which he hopes will bring him Louis' heavyweight title next Wednesday—is the teaching of Johnny Ray, his manager.

Twenty years ago Ray was a lightweight fighter who never did much damage with his punching but who had the "shell defense," which he admits borrowing from his one-time stablemate, Harry Greb.

Morgan saw Johnny in many of his fights and Dan insists that Conn knows the old master's tricks, enough of them to make duds of Louis' big bombs and scamper off with the crown after 15 rounds.

But Morgan recalls Ray's fight with K. O. George Chaney, one of the greatest little sluggers in ring history. "Chaney knocked him down once but Ray got up and for the rest of the fight Chaney did nothing but chase him. He couldn't have gotten near him with a motorcycle."

Blocking did it for Ray, Dan says. And Conn has that down to perfection, he adds.

"Did you ever watch Billy closely when he isn't leading?" Morgan continues. "He has his right elbow covering his body, with the top of the glove level with his jaw. He stops left hooks to the body with the elbow and shots to the chin with the glove.

"Then he holds his left level with his left shoulder. He can block rights to the head by moving that up two inches. And he does that faster than any fighter today."

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Louis' Wife Asks Divorce, Cruelty Plea

Champ Tried Punches On Her, Is Claim; Joe's Annual Income $250,000

CHICAGO—(AP)—Two weeks after a dinner for which she said "I cooked everything he liked in hopes we'd patch things up," Joe Louis' wife has filed suit from the world's heavyweight boxing champion. She alleges extreme and repeated cruelty.

In the action, filed Wednesday in Circuit Court, she said the famous Brown Bomber dealt her "a violent blow in the mouth with his hand" on Jan. 2, 1941, and "hit her in the face and stepped on her ankle" April 19.

"We separated after that last incident," said Louis' wife, the former Marva Trotter, of Chicago. "But two weeks ago we had dinner together. I fixed everything he likes, but it just didn't work out.

"Joe and I are very friendly, really we are," she said, smiling. "We got along beautifully up to the first of the year. But Joe was just too busy for a family life—or at least he used that as an excuse. I guess his business just wasn't conducive to making a home."

Joe's wife, 24, asked restoration of her maiden name and temporary alimony. Informed of the suit, Louis appeared stunned, denied striking his wife, but said he would not contest the action.

He said they had had differences arising over her insistence that she accompany him to training camps and on exhibition tours.

They were married in New York Sept. 24, 1935, the night Joe knocked out Max Baer early in a career in which he won the heavyweight title from Jim Braddock in June, 1937, swept through 18 successful title defenses and earned almost $2,000,000.

The divorce bill said Louis' annual income from fighting was $250,000 and that he owned real estate here and in Detroit, securities and insurance aggregating $800,000.

Louis' wife, 124 pounds and 5 feet, 4½ inches tall, will continue modeling for charity fashion shows when her case is settled, possibly before the end of July.

The 27-year-old Louis, who spends most of his time between matches at his Utica, Mich., farm, is scheduled to meet Lou Nova in September.

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CONN & LOUIS
The wise money said The Kid should have waited.

Heartbreaker

On the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, last week, Emperor Joe Louis met the 17th challenger for his world's heavyweight crown: 23-year-old Billy Conn of Pittsburgh.

Young Conn, a handsome Irish toughie, brought up in Pittsburgh's brawl-proud East Liberty section, had been fighting since he was 14. He got his upper schooling in the lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and light-heavyweight classes, had only recently given up his light-heavy title to take a jab at Joe Louis' diadem. The wise money said The Kid should have waited another year. He was fast and smart but he was 25 lb. lighter than Louis, had no steam behind his punches.

But young Conn was cocky; he insisted on playing the big chips this year. Next year, he figured, he might be in the Navy. Besides, he needed the dough. His mother had been bedfast with an incurable ailment for months and he wanted to marry highfalutin Mary Louise Smith, 18-year-old daughter of onetime big-league Ballplayer Jimmy Smith, now a well-to-do Pittsburgh nightclub owner.

This sentimental hullabaloo was heaven-sent for a prizefight build-up, and Builder-Upper Jack Miley, sportswriter of the old school, made the most of it. On the night of the fight 55,000 fans crammed into Manhattan's Polo Grounds.

For the first two rounds, The Kid did just what the experts had said he would: he jabbed and danced away like an elusive shadow. He was so nervous he even tripped and fell. In the third round, after Louis had nailed him but failed to knock him down, Conn began to grin scornfully at the champ.

In the fourth, The Kid began to tattoo the champion with lightning-quick pokes. Oldtimers were reminded of onetime Light-Heavyweight Champion Jack Delaney, the "rapier of the ring," who used to fight like a twinkle-toed fencer, but The Kid didn't taunt his opponent as much as usual (Said he afterward: "I didn't have so much time to talk. But I talked to him a couple of times. Once I says to him: 'Joe, you're in for a tough night.' And Joe, he says to me: 'Ah knows ah am.' ").

Four rounds later the rapier began to sting. Young Billy began to maul the Big Boy. He beat him to the punch, socked him as though he had a policeman's billy in his mitt.

By the end of the twelfth round, Conn's sustained attack had the crowd on its feet, yelling. It was terrific. The fleet-fisted kid had confounded, dumfounded and dazed the greatest champion since Dempsey. On most ringside cards he was leading on points. Louis was obviously worried.

Aglow with confidence, Conn came out for the 13th round. "I got you, Joe," he had taunted. But the champ was not the champ for nothing. And The Kid was still a kid. Instead of continuing to jig & jab, Conn did just what he had been warned not to do: he sailed into shufflin' Joe, began swapping punches. This was what the cool-headed champ had been waiting for. Before the swaggering youngster knew what had struck him, he was staggering under a bombardments of rights & lefts. Two seconds before the bell, he was curled up on the canvas for a count of ten.

Heartbroken, despite the $77,000 he had earned, young Conn sobbed: "I lost my head and a million bucks."

Louis' next opponent in September will be California's Lou Nova, only first-rate contender the champion has never beaten.

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JOE LOUIS ACTOR

THE WAIL THAT WENT UP from Jimmy Powers and other sports writers, who have resented a Negro as world's heavyweight champion for the past four years, was not due so much to the knockout of Billy Conn but to the realization that Joe Louis is not as dumb as they thought. Joe won the fight through a superb piece of strategy in which he enacted the role of a boxer on the verge of being knocked out with such skill that not only Conn but nine out of ten of the spectators were fooled by it.

Realizing that Conn was beating him to the punch and that a moving target was much harder to hit than most of his opponents in previous bouts, Joe's wise old trainer Jack Blackburn, advised the champion to watch for the moment when Conn stopped circling and stood still to exchange punches with him. From the eighth to the twelfth, Conn became more and more aggressive and and though he fought back, he was still moving in a circle all the time. Then in the twelfth, Conn caught Joe on the chin and in a flash Joe put on his act of being on a verge of a knockout. He dropped his hands and actually staggered to his corner at the end of the round.

Thinking he had the champion where he wanted him, Conn came out in the thirteenth determined to win by a knockout. He changed his tactics and started slugging toe to toe with Joe only to realize too late that instead of being on the verge of being knocked out, Joe was still the cool fighter he has always been and was waiting for just such a chance. The end came quickly after that.

Conn told friends after the fight that he was "tricked" out of the title—that Joe wasn't hurt in the twelfth but had put on an act to fool him, and saved his heavyweight crown.

Though Joe may be slipping, he's still smart enough to out-smart the brilliant Billy Conn and that fact is gall to those Nordics who dislike to think of the champion as just a little better than a savage

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EARNS OVER $150,000 IN 18th DEFENSE OF HIS TITLE

Fight Facts And Figures

Gross Receipts: $451,487.
Net Receipts: $386,012.
Paid Attendance: 54,487.
Louis' Share: $154,404.80.
Conn's Share: $77,202.40.

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By BUSTER MILLER

In a dramatic finish that might have well been the climax of a Hollywood fight picture, Joe Louis knocked out Billy Conn in the thirteenth round of a hectic battle Wednesday night at the Polo Grounds to retain his world's heavyweight championship.

The finish was as sudden as it was dramatic to the 54,487 fans who jammed into the historic outdoor arena. They saw a Louis, badly off in his timing and sluggish for a good part of the battle, suddenly lash out like a tiger at bay and snatch back the crown that Conn had all but taken away.

Conn had the title securely in his grasp at the end of a blistering twelfth round that saw Louis battered from side to side, groping helplessly in a vain attempt to grab and hold the brash young

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challenger from Pittsburgh. Conn was away out in front. This writer had tabbed seven rounds for Billy and four for Joe, with one even, when they came out for the fatal thirteenth.

Conn came out confidently and took up where he left off with lefts and rights to Louis vulnerable jaw. And then it happened. Like the proverbial bolt from the blue, a brown right hand whistled out of nowhere and found it's mark on Conn's chin. The stunned challenger went back on his heels and tried to cover up. Louis followed relentlessly and speared the now dazed Conn with another right to the jaw and a left uppercut to the mouth. Conn staggered and Louis crashed a right to the head that sent Billy down.

Referee Eddie Josephs motioned the champion to a neutral corner and took up the count at three. Conn lay stretched full length until seven. At eight he was on one knee. At nine he slumped over again and was just struggling to an erect position when Josephs called the fatal ten.

The challenger started out cautiously in the first round, making Louis come to him. Then he warmed up around the third and began to show his marvelous speed to advantage.

Joe finally caught up with him in the fifth and rocked the young Irishman with a swift succession of lefts and rights to the head. The sixth and seventh were fairly slow as Louis, apparently gone stale, missed repeatedly while Conn jabbed and hooked the champion in the face almost at will. Conn took the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh rounds as Louis began to look worse and worse.

Conn hooked two lefts to the head that staggered Louis midway in the twelfth. He drove both hands to the body and head as Louis held on. Conn landed a left to face that drove Louis against the ropes at the bell.

The thirteenth opened with Conn sending a right smash to the head. Louis jabbed with a left and sent a right to Conn's face. Conn replied with a left hook to the head and Louis came back with a hard right that buckled Conn's knees. Louis went in with rights and lefts to the head in a steady stream without a return from the retreating Conn. A right to the jaw sent the challenger down for the count.

Conn made good on all his pre-fight promises except one—he did not win. He befuddled the champion, outspeeded him and even outslugged him at one time. But they pay off at the finish, not on the race.

Louis rose to great heights as only a real champion can. He delivered when he had to. He knew he was a beaten man when he went wearily to his corner at the end of the twelfth unless he could deliver Conn stretched out on a platter. And that is just what he did.

Louis weighed 199½. Conn scaled 174. The gross receipts were around $450,000.

Jose Basora, 154, Porto Rico, outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 152, Brooklyn, in the four round opener.

Holman Williams, 152, Detroit, outboxed Antonio Fernandez, 148, Chile, in the six round semi-final.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

JOE LOUIS, HORSE FANCIER. The heavyweight champion with one of his own string of three show horses which he entered in an all-Negro horse show in Cleveland. Louis has an annual income from his profession of $250,000 a year.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Wife of Joe Louis Asks Divorce, Charges Champion Struck Her

CHICAGO, July 2—(AP)—Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, was sued for divorce in circuit court today by Marva Trotter Louis. She charged cruelty.

The fighter's wife, who filed the action under her husband's real name, Barrow, charged that the Negro boxing champion struck her first on January 2, 1941, and again on April 19 of this year.

The wife said she separated from him on the latter date.

They were married in New York City on September 24, 1935. There are no children.

The heavyweight champion, playing golf in Detroit when informed of his wife's action, appeared stunned.

"Ah don't believe it. Ah absolutely know nothing about it."

Louis denied he had struck his wife and said he would not contest the divorce.

"If she doesn't want to live with me," he said, "what can Ah do about it?"

He said he and his wife had had some differences and added, "Ah thought they was all settled." He said the differences arose over his wife's insistence that she accompany him to training camps and on exhibition tours.

Louis said he had been giving his wife a weekly allowance.

The heavyweight champion planned to leave tonight for Pittsburgh to play in a golf tournament there Saturday and Sunday.

Louis' career enabled him to earn almost $2,000,000 since turning professional seven years ago.

Louis' wife contended the fighter owns real estate in Cook county (Chicago) and in Detroit in the value of $400,000 and also has insurance, bonds, stocks and monies to the total of another $400,000 in the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company here and in the Detroit City Bank. The bill said

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Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

Joe Louis Taking Conn Fight Seriously; Disagrees With Pilot

Blackburn Wants Bomber to Ease Up, But Fighter Insists on Plenty of Work

By Sid Feder
(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Greenwood Lake, N. Y., June 11.—The charter of the "Joe Louis Bum of the Month Club" has been burned up—and Joe personally applied the match.

So seriously is the Brown Bomber taking his fight with Billy Conn a week from tonight at the New York Polo Grounds that he not only is working harder than ever before to get ready, but he has even wrangled with his long-time trainer-pal, Jack "Chappie" Blackburn, over just how much training he really needs.

The result is that for the first time since he was preparing for his first fuss with Max Schmeling at Lakewood, N. J., he and "Chappie" have had words. And the "hunch players" can't help but remember the last time they disagreed. If your memory wants refreshing, Der Mox applied the zinger to Joe in 12 rounds.

Rowed Over Golf

On that occasion the row was over Louis' golf, than which there is no whicher when it comes to slamming a ball without picking its landing spot. Joe would go out under a blazing hot sun and Blackburn would chase him over the entire 18 holes trying to pull him off so he wouldn't bake.

This time Blackburn wants "the champ" to take things a little easier, inasmuch as he has been in steady training since last December, when he opened the Bum of the Month Club for the business with Al McCoy in Boston. Joe has other ideas, however. He feels he needs every minute of work he can put in between now and the time he says "howdy" to the Pittsburgh pretty boy. He is confident of the outcome, but not confident enough to pick the round in which he expects to apply the crusher.

Joe Has His Way

As usual, Joe is having his way. Which means he is going through 10 solid days of sparring sessions without a layoff. And that's the longest grind he has ever put in without taking an afternoon off since he first hit the "big apple." Previously, he has always mapped a campaign of five days of boxing in every seven.

Blackburn had planned to keep Joe on the sidelines Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week. He announced after yesterday's work that Joe would not train today.

"I am, too," Joe broke in bluntly. And he did. He compromised somewhat by only boxing four rounds today instead of six, and in one of these heats, against Joe Carillo, a husky individual from Hartford, he was tagged a "beauty" right on the whiskers which made him blink momentarily.

This is a different Louis than the fellow who toyed with the alleged challengers they've been feeding him once a month this year. Joe is vicious again. He realizes he's slowed down somewhat, "but I ain't so slow that I ain't faster than that Conn," he adds.

CONN WORKS FOR LOUIS BOUT
(The Associated Press)

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 11.—Challenger Billy Conn worked eight hard rounds indoors today in preparation for his bout with Champion Joe Louis, a week from tonight at the Polo Grounds.

The slim boy from Pittsburgh appeared to be in great shape. He scarcely took a deep breath after he had tagged and wrestled with four different sparring partners, and then put in a round each on the heavy bag and shadow boxing. He scaled 182 pounds before entering the ring.

Conn's manager, Johnny Ray, said Billy was exactly where he wanted him in his conditioning and should reach his peak about Friday, after which he would "coast." He will take his final workout here on Monday, going into New York for a last limbering up at a gymnasium the day before the fight.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

LOUIS CURBS BOXING ON PLEA OF TRAINER

Travels 4 Instead of 6 Rounds, Though Blackburn Urges Rest to Avoid Staleness

CONN EXTENDS WORKOUT

Challenger Belts Heavyweights With Jolting Left Hooks in 8-Round Session

By KINGSLEY CHILDS

While Joe Louis reduced his boxing activity yesterday in preparation for the defense of his world heavyweight title against Billy Conn at the Polo Grounds on Wednesday night the challenger labored longer against his sparring partners.

Louis altered his routine so that he boxed four rounds instead of six and had George Fitch, George Nicholson, Jim Ritchie and Joe Carillo as his opponents in a single session apiece. Visitors to the champion's Greenwood Lake, N. Y., camp saw him fare well against the first three, but Louis was staggered momentarily when Carillo landed a one-two punch in the final frame.

Challenger Punches Hard

Instead of following his usual procedure and boxing four or six rounds, Conn increased his total to eight as he continued his training at Pompton Lakes, N. J. The challenger's adversaries, all of whom faced him for two sessions each, were Johnny Cregan, Battling Monroe, George Higgs and Larry Bouchar. Conn took things easy against Cregan, a welterweight, but constantly thumped the three heavyweights with hard left hooks.

Louis's decision to cut down the number of rounds was interpreted as a compromise move in deference to Trainer Jack Blackburn's wishes, for the latter has been disturbed over the champion's announced intention to keep boxing daily through Monday.

The Brown Bomber has been exchanging wallops with his sparring mates each day since Saturday. Blackburn has advocated an occasional day of rest, fearing that the titleholder may appear stale against Conn as a result of too much ring activity, especially since Louis has defended the crown several times since December.

Usually Rested in Past

Apparently Louis thinks otherwise, for he intends to keep boxing every day. In the past he has virtually always enjoyed brief respites from ring work during his preparation for title defenses, but he evidently holds Conn in exceptionally high regard.

Some veteran ring followers are inclined to view this split of opinion between Louis and Blackburn as a possible omen. This is the second time since Blackburn assumed his duties as the champion's trainer in 1934 that the two have disagreed on the best method for Louis to follow in preparing for a bout. The last occasion was in 1936, when the Brown Bomber was training at Lakewood, N. J., for his first crack at Max Schmeling. Louis was knocked out by the German heavyweight in that bout.

Micky Farber will endeavor to avenge his recent defeat by Joey Fontana when they clash tonight in the feature eight-rounder at the Fort Hamilton Army Reservation in Brooklyn. The semi-final will bring together Danny Kapilow and Petey Bayron, who boxed to a draw in their last meeting.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Louis To End Conn Battle In Short Time

Bomber Peeved At Bill, Out To Win As Soon As Possible Wednesday

BY SID FEDER

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y.—(AP)—It is a matter for argument whether Joe Louis has more pooh-poohs for Billy Conn's "smart cracks" or his "powder puff punching."

The "cracks" have steamed the bomber up so much he is all out to end next Wednesday night's Polo Grounds tussle with the first punch, if he can. His sparring partners are all banged up from catching what he promises to deal off the arm to Billy.

The Conn clouting power apparently has Joe worried about as much as a slap in the face from a butterfly wing. He is so afraid of it, in fact, that he has changed his work from stylish, skill-stressing defense to a cut-loose-and-blow-the man-down idea. It is clear he is willing to take chances on getting hit in order to drop a bomb or two himself in this fight, because he's mighty burned up at Billy boy and feels he has nothing to fear from Conn's thumps.

He was peeved at Max Schmeling, too, when he was training for his revenge, but this is different. Then, he stressed caution. This time he's moving in on every sparmate, crowding them every second, even taking a belt or two on the whiskers to get in one good one.

He'll tell you he respects Conn as a hitter, that "even a raindrop can hurt you if it keeps hittin' you nuff." Then he adds that you don't necessarily fly off the handle in the ring, but "times like this you get sore before the fight and stay that way on account that Conn, he talks too much." Which does not exactly add up to a game of gin rummy for Brother Bill.

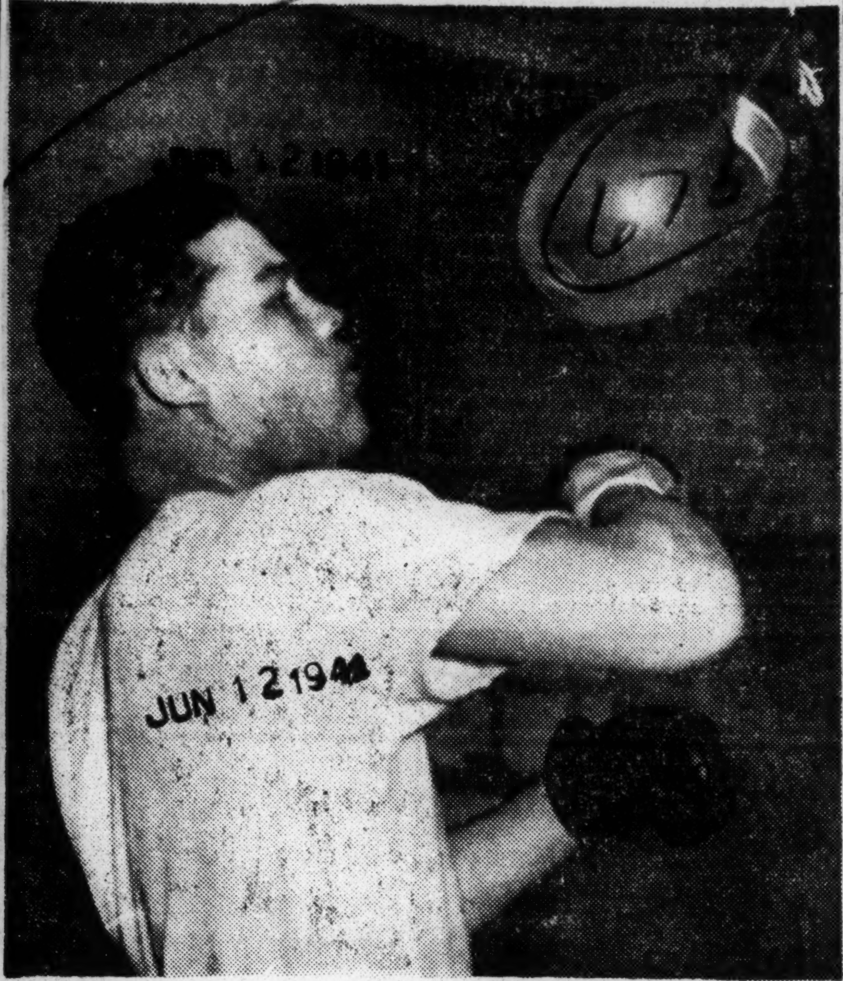
Odd part about an interview with this new Louis—he can talk now—is that he refuses to name the round he expects to stop the Pittsburgh pretty boy, and that he admits he may have slowed up some— "but I'm still faster than that Conn."

"All I know," he says, "they's gonna be a knockout. It'll come somewhere along the line. One of us is gonna go. I 'spect it'll be Billy."

Although no one up here is taking Conn lightly, all are agreed there's one very pleasant prospect besides the view of the lake you get from Joe's cottage. This is the old Brown Bomber as far as condition goes. He finished up Tuesday's workout weighing 202½, and expects to hit 200 on the nose fight day.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

CHAMPION PUNCHING THE BAG YESTERDAY



Joe Louis working out at his Greenwood Lake camp in preparation for Wednesday's title bout with Billy Conn at the Polo Grounds.

Times Wide World

New York World Telegram
New York, N.Y.

Harlem Goes Wild for Louis; 8000 Cheer Him After Bout

22 Policemen Help Him Enter Hotel, Then He Gives Salute from Balcony

Seventh Ave., between 125th and 126th Sts., was no place for an impatient motorist early today.

As a matter of fact, it was no place for any motorist, because there just wasn't any motoring being done.

The street was blocked by about 8000 happy Harlem residents, gathered in front of the Hotel Theresa to welcome one Joseph Barrow Louis, a pugilist, who survived hell and high water at the Polo grounds to beat William David Conn, another pugilist.

So jammed was Seventh Ave. with persons that even the car bringing Louis to the hotel, where he has a suite, was unable to pull over to the curb, despite the help of seven mounted policemen and 15 other patrolmen. When Louis finally shouldered his way out of the auto the sky was almost split by the crowd's roar.

Little boys sitting on trees nearly fell from their perches. Admirers grabbed Louis' hat—and other admirers swiped the hat back and returned it to "Chappie." Everyone wanted to touch the world champion, and only Louis' four companions and a police squad—forming a flying wedge—kept him from being mauled and bruised by well-wishers.

Unmarked except for a cut under his left eye, Louis sprawled into an easy chair in his suite and shook hands with friends—but not for long. The crowd outside the hotel kept chanting "We want Louis!" and "We want the champ," so Louis finally walked out to a balcony and waved to the gathering.

It wasn't until half an hour later that Seventh Ave. was cleared sufficiently to permit impatient motorists through. Harlem didn't feel much like sleeping last night.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Kayoes Conn in 13th In Great Fight

54,487 See Challenger Lose Bout by Over-anxiousness.

By GRANTLAND RICE.
North American Newspaper Alliance.

RINGSIDE, POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, June 19.—The bludgeon was too much for the rapier. The task was more than the bayonet could meet. The shining blade of Billy Conn flashed bravely through against Joe Louis for the greater part of 13 rounds at the Polo Grounds last night before he was counted out just two seconds prior to the bell, a finishing right from Louis rang down the curtain on a dazzling show. With at least one foot on the heavyweight throne and the title almost in his grasp, the game Pittsburgh challenger threw the crown away in the 13th round by attempting to outslug Louis at close range, with the champion half groggy and a badly bewildered fighter.

Coming from behind after the 10th, Conn suddenly turned aggressor and through the 11th and 12th rounds gave the startled Bomber a heavy beating. Throwing rights and lefts at panther speed, Conn cuffed Louis all over the ring in these two cantos and was well on his way to the throne room as 54,487 fans rocked the surrounding stands with the call of the wild.

CONN TOO EAGER.

It was here that Conn's over-confidence brought about his gory downfall. Louis, still badly bewildered and half groggy, made a desperate attempt to recover lost ground. Instead of keeping out of range after the first few flurries, Conn gamely, but foolishly charged in where the flurry of gloves was faster than the eye could follow.

Both were slugging it out. With the crowd in a frenzied uproar Conn held his own until Louis finally landed one of his killing left hooks to his opponent's jaw. Louis followed this wallop with an even harder right and those two blows, hooked together, left Conn wavering like a slender reed in front of a hurricane. He had nothing left to offer as Louis hammered him back and forth until the finishing right came just before the bell.

Beaten by his own bad judgment, Conn still put up the greatest fight any challenger has shown since the Brown Bomber came to the top.

CONN STARTS LATE.

Louis, in a savage, desperate attempt to end the fight quickly, won the first two rounds going away. Then Conn suddenly turned his dancing retreat into a headlong assault, winning the third and fourth by a wide margin. He not only out boxed, but out punched Louis in these two intervals of rapid action.

Conn should have learned a valuable lesson from Louis in the fifth. Swarming in again Billy took a left hook on the point of the chin that hurt him badly. It took the slender challenger, outweighed by nearly 26 pounds, two full rounds to recover from this Louis hook.

Conn was set and ready again to put on full steam in the eighth, which he won by a wide and decisive margin.

He swarmed all over the champion and made him look worse than Louis has ever looked since the first Schmeling fight. Conn won the eighth and ninth. He had more speed and cunning than Louis could meet. But the 11th and 12th were his two masterpieces. In the 11th the fast-moving Conn, although suffering a badly cut right eye, tore into Louis as though the champion were a preliminary boy. Billy lashed away with rights and lefts that seldom missed and it was easy enough to see that Louis was facing far deeper trouble than he had ever looked for.

STAGGERS LOUIS IN 12TH.

Conn won the 12th by an even greater margin. Early in the round he caught Louis with a wicked left to the jaw that staggered Louis and left him rocking groggily on trembling legs.

Conn lost no time in following up his new advantage; he hailed Louis squarely with enough punches to knock down a gorilla, but the knockout steam was missing. Louis was in such bad shape that he was able to offer nothing in the way of a counter-charge. He had to take it, covering up and backing away.

These were Conn's two greatest rounds in a game and gallant bid for the title. But they cost him his chance. He had not only won four of the last five rounds, but had Louis in far worse shape, physically and mentally, than Louis had ever known since the first Schmeling fight.

As the 13th round opened Billy Conn was only nine minutes away from one of the greatest miracles sport has ever seen. He was looking into the promised land. He couldn't lose.

Apparently out to stop Louis, to knock him out, Conn swarmed to the attack again. He forgot how dangerous a wounded lion can be. As both moved into close quarters and began slugging head to head, the Bomber landed a devastating right and left that brought Conn to a halt. Even after this danger signal Conn refused to heed the storm warning and once more surged in, trading punches with a fighter who could outpunch him three to one.

In the midst of a furious rally with both fists flying at top speed, the Bomber finally found the opening. A crashing left and a smashing right landed on Conn's open mouth in quick succession and from that point the gallant challenger was through. His dream was over. He had thrown away his big advantage in speed and smartness on a reckless gamble. He had to shed away his winning lead in the new-made hope of seeing Louis on the floor. An even break in the last three rounds would have given him the title. Conn had proved that Louis had nothing to match his greater speed and cleverness.

He lost as Corbett lost to Jeffries, just at the moment he was coming to the summit. Up through the 12th he had not only outboxed Louis by a dozen lengths, but had hurt Louis more than Louis had hurt him. But the great work he had done, the great fight he had fought, came to a bloody and abrupt end when he decided he could also outslug one of the hardest punchers who ever fought in any ring.

The race may not be to the swift, but in this spectacular pageant of punch the battle certainly went to the strong.

Promoter Jacobs announced the paid attendance as 54,487 and the gross gate as $450,000. It was the world's biggest fight crowd and gate since Louis' return knockout over Max Schmeling three years ago.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

PREAMBLE TO HOSTILITIES IN THE RING

Billy Conn and Joe Louis comparing fists after signing for bout

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Joe Breaks All Marks as Champ

By MELANCHOLY JONES
For ANP

Joe Louis is the "fightingest" champion that ever lived. When he faces Billy Conn June 18, at the Polo Grounds the Tan Embalmer will have "gone to bat" eighteen times in just four years. The Detroit Destroyer won the world's heavyweight title June 22, 1937, when he kayoed Jimmy Braddock in eight rounds.

Champion	Yrs. Held Title	S'ccessf'l Defenses
Sullivan	10	0
Corbett	4½	1
Fitzsimmons	2	0
Jeffries	5½	5
Burns	2	2
Johnson	6¼	5
Willard	4	2
Dempsey	7	5
Tunney	2	2
Schmeling	1	1
Sharkey	1	0
Carnera	1	2
Baer	1	0
Braddock	1	0
Louis	4	17

Louis's extreme energy in risking his prized crown is in direct contrast to the tendencies of the other heavyweight champions before him. John L. Sullivan, for example, held the title from 1882, a space of 10 years, but did not make a single defense of the crown in all that time. When Sullivan did lay his title on the line for the first time, he was beaten in 21 rounds at New Orleans, by Gentleman Jim Corbett.

Four other champions after Sullivan—Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Sharkey, Max Baer, and Jimmy Braddock—failed to make a single successful defense of the crown.

Only 3 Over 5

Busiest heavyweight champions before Joe Louis were Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey. All three held the crown over 5 years, but defended it successfully only five times. The sixth time out, Jeffries, who retired undefeated and came back "an old man" to regain white supremacy in the heavyweight class, was stopped by Johnson in 15 rounds at Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910.

Joe Louis

The sixth time out was a jinx to Johnson and Dempsey too. Johnson was stopped by Willard in twenty-six rounds at Havana, Cuba, April 5, 1915, and Dempsey was decisioned by Gene Tunney in 10 rounds in Philadelphia, September 23, 1926.

Max Schmeling was the lone champion of the entire list of 15 to win the world crown on a foul. Flat on his back when the contest was terminated, Schmeling was declared winner over Jack Sharkey in the fourth canto, July 12, 1930. Sharley later decisioned the German in 15 rounds in Long Island City, N.Y., to win the title.

No Repeaters

"The Phantom Rulers" of prize ring history were Schmeling, Sharkey, Primo Carena, Baer and Braddock. None of these was able to hold the world's heavyweight crown but a single year.

No heavyweight champion has ever lost the heavyweight crown and won it back. Sharkey was beaten by Schmeling on a foul and came back to win the title from the German. But it must be remembered that Jack did not hold the title at the time of the first match.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Donovan Says Disputed Blow Came "At The Bell"

WASHINGTON, May 29—Here's how Referee Arthur Donovan explained the fight: Joe Louis hit Buddy Baer at the bell—and not afterward.

I want to get that straight from the start. There was no question about it in my mind.

But it was the toughest situation I have faced in my 16 years as a referee.

Here's what happened after Louis hit Baer at the bell:

Hoffman (Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager) rushed up to me and wanted me to disqualify Louis, claiming the blow was struck after the bell. I told him to go back to his corner and that his fighter would have to come out for the next round.

I waited until 10 seconds before the start of the seventh round and told him (Hoffman) and Baer's handlers to leave the ring. They didn't answer me.

Just as the bell rang for the seventh round Louis left his corner. I held him back and still insisted that Baer's handlers leave the ring. They still refused, so I immediately disqualified Baer because his handlers refused to leave the ring.

I made my decision and I am standing by it.

Now suppose, as some thought, that the blow was on its way before the bell sounded, but that it did not strike until after the bell That still would be a legal blow.

Suppose also—as some claim, but with whom I absolutely do not agree—that Louis hit Baer after the bell. In that case it would have been a matter for my own discretion. If I thought Louis did it deliberately, then I would have had to disqualify him.

But it would be virtually impossible to prove it was deliberate.

The heavyweight championship is the biggest prize in pugilism. It should not be won in that fashion, anyway, particularly when a man is on his way out—which Baer was, as was apparent to everyone. The handwriting was on the wall, and I probably would have had to stop the fight in the seventh round anyway.

If there was no deliberate intent, the most I could have done in such a case would have been to take the round away from Louis as a warning to him. And if Baer couldn't have come out for the seventh round, then I would have counted him out in his corner.

My disqualification of Baer was based on the fact that Baer's handlers refused to leave the ring for the start of the seventh round. The whole thing settles around his handlers. I disqualified Baer not for his failure to come out for the seventh round, but for the failure of his handlers to leave the ring.

It was entirely my responsibility and not that of the judges.

In view of the fact that the blow was not struck after the bell—but at the bell—and in view of the circumstances that followed, I had no other alternative but to disqualify Baer.

Joe's Share, $34,696; Baer Gets $13,000 In Payoff for D.C. Fight

WASHINGTON, May 29—For 18 minutes of fighting, Joe Louis' share of the gross gate of $105,183 (net $86,741.77) amounted to $34,696.71, which amounts to 40 per cent.

Baer's 15 per cent amounted to $13,001.26.

The D. C. Boxing Commission, which gets 10 per cent of the gross, took in $10,518.30, a new high for a D. C. Commission "cut."

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Conn Is Picked To Upset Louis By Jack Cuddy

Writer Calls Billy 'Greatest Natural Fighter I've Ever Seen.'

By JACK CUDDY

NEW YORK, June 10.—(UP)—I pick Billy Conn to lick Joe Louis and become the new heavyweight champion of the world.

Reluctantly I make this forecast, because I realize I'm writing on dynamite as I type the words. And I wouldn't do it were it not for the fact that I am surrounded by a bevy of bozos who insist that a fight "expoit" is a coward if he doesn't go off the deep end without benefit of cork jackets.

This prediction is particularly dangerous because it involves two question-mark fighters.

Moreover, the percentage is all against my selection if you believe the ancient adage that a good big man can lick a good little man, because Louis will have about 22 pounds pull in the weights. He

will out-weigh Conn about 202 to 180.

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CONN MOVES UP.

There also is the adage, "String with the champion." But in this scrap we have two champions, because Conn was light-heavyweight king before he gave up the crown.

To be brutally frank, this is an "if" fight. Conn can't lose "if" he goes five rounds.

So—we're staking our reputation on the mentality of Conn and his handlers, believing honestly that Pittsburgh Billy will make a different kind of a fight during these first five rounds than in most of the previous opening quintets we have witnessed.

I pick Conn because he is the greatest natural fighter I've ever seen. Also because he's the smartest and speediest operator in any of today's divisions. Moreover, he has the stamina of two mules. He is a tough kid, up from Pittsburgh's streets, who never has been knocked out and who has been floored but twice — both times as a middleweight—by Oscar Rankins in 1937 and by Ray Actis in 1938. But he licked both of those guys, knocking out Actis in eight rounds.

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CONN ONLY 23.

Conn is young—a comer—improving every year. He is 23 whereas Louis is 27, the age when a fighter starts to slip. In Louis' last six fights he has given indications that he is slipping.

Perhaps I have been prejudiced against Louis. I never regarded the Detroit Negro as a super-fighter. I couldn't because of his slow thinking under fire, his lack of footwork and his inability to take a punch. Unquestionably, much of the success of Mike Jacobs' great "meal ticket" was due to inferior opposition.

When Louis tackles young Conn a week from tomorrow night, he will be facing his most feared combination — speed and craft. Louis is a "manufactured" fighter —a mechanical man who has been taught to do certain things. Even his trainer, Jack Blackburn, admits that.

When Bomber Joe was forced to think in the ring—in the first Schmeling, Pastor and Godoy scraps—also in the Tommy Farr brawl—he proved himself mighty low in the I. Q. When the Pitt whirlwind starts operating, Louis will be flustered completely, from the first left jab.

GOOD LEFT JAB.

That left jab is important, if one is to take cognizance of Louis' fight with big Abe Simon at Detroit in March. Every time Simon pushed out that wagon tongue of a left jab, it hit Louis right in the puss. Louis couldn't get away from a left jab that everyone else in the Olympia saw starting.

But Conn can't punch. Right! He certainly is no knockout artist. I saw him beat on staggering Al McCoy for four full rounds at Boston last October, after Billy had him out on his feet—and he couldn't floor him.

But Conn can throw that left hook hard enough to befuddle Champion Louis, who stuns too easily. Conn will work on Joe's gashed left eye and cut him up good—possibly stop him, although we believe Louis will last the full 15 rounds.

And Conn is a slow starter. Correct! That's the biggest flaw in this prediction. If Conn comes into the ring cold and tries to warm up on Louis, he may get kayoed in the first round. But we feel certain that he'll warm up about eight rounds in the dressing room and come into the ring swathed in blankets. If he's hot when he starts, we'll have a new champion. And we are confident he'll be hot.

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Brown Bomber Quarrels With His Trainer

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Wants To Work Harder For This Bout Than Any Others

By SID FEDER
Associated Press Staff Writer

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., June 11. — The charter of the "Joe Louis Bum of the Month Club" has been burned up—and Joe personally applied the match.

So seriously is the Brown Bomber taking his fight with Billy Conn a week from tonight at the New York Polo Grounds that he not only is working harder than ever before to get ready, but he has even wrangled with his long-time trainer-pal, Jack "Chappie" Blackburn, over just how much training he really needs.

The result is that for the first time since he was preparing for his first fuss with Max Schmeling, at Lakewood, N. J., he and "Chappie" have had words. And the "hunch players" can't help but remember the last time they disagreed. If your memory wants refreshing, Der Max applied the zinger to Joe in 12 rounds.

On that occasion, the row was over Louis's golf, than which there is no whicher when it comes to slamming a ball without picking its landing spot. Joe would go out under a blazing hot sun and Blackburn would chase him over the entire 18 holes trying to pull him off so he wouldn't bake.

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This time Blackburn wants "the champ" to take things a little easier, inasmuch as he has been in steady training since last December, when he opened the Bum of the Month Club for the business with Al McCoy in Boston. Joe has other ideas, however. He feels he needs every minute of work he can put in between now and the time he says "howdy" to the Pittsburgh pretty boy. He is confident of the outcome, but not confident enough to pick the round in which he expects to apply the crusher.

As usual, Joe is having his way. Which means he is going through ten solid days of sparring sessions without a layoff. And that's the longest grind he has ever put in without taking an afternoon off since he first hit the "big apple." Previously, he has always mapped a campaign of five days of boxing in every seven.

Blackburn had planned to keep Joe on the sidelines Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week. He announced after yesterday's work that Joe would not train today.

"I am, too," Joe broke in bluntly. And he did. He compromised somewhat by only boxing four rounds today instead of six, and in one of these heats, against Joe Carillo, a husky individual from Hartford, he was tagged a "beauty" right on the whiskers which made him blink momentarily.

This is a different Louis than the fellow who toyed with the alleged challengers they've been feeding him once a month this year. Joe is vicious again. He realizes he's slowed down somewhat, "but I ain't so slow that I ain't faster than that Conn," he adds.

Billy Conn Works Eight Hard Rounds

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 11. —(AP)—Challenger Billy Conn worked eight hard rounds indoors today in preparation for his bout with Champion Joe Louis, a week from tonight at the Polo Grounds.

The slim boy from Pittsburgh appeared to be in great shape. He scarcely took a deep breath after he had tagged and wrestled with four different sparring partners, and then put in a round each on the heavy bag and shadow boxing. He scaled 182 pounds before entering the ring.

Conn's manager, Johnny Ray, said Billy was exactly where he wanted him in his conditioning and should reach his peak about Friday, after which he would "coast." He will take his final workout here on Monday, going into New York for a last limbering up at a gymnasium the day before the fight.

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"Still Champeen!"

Editorial

Although it has had little or no influence upon the history of the next thousand years, the affair of Messrs. Joe Louis and Billy Conn had been preceded by almost as much build-up and ballyhoo as a major military invasion. Not, indeed, since the second encounter of Mr. Louis and Herr Schmeling had any heavyweight bout been given such extensive and favorable advance notice in the newspapers and popular magazines. This probably had something to do with fetching the gate receipts figure up to the rather fashionable neighborhood of a half a million dollars and with diminishing the odds on another victory by Mr. Louis to a ratio that seemed at last to insure a reasonable return on the capital so invested.

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It was not, however, until the fight was under way that very many doubts arose as to whether Mr. Louis' fists still constituted the giltedged security that the investors have hitherto and properly considered them. Before the bout there had been rumors that Mr. Louis was, as they say, slowing down; that four years of high prosperity had given him a too genial and charitable outlook on life; that he had gradually developed an attitude of live-and-let-live most incongruous and unbecoming in a heavyweight champion; that he had lost the old killer instinct, as the boys like to call it. It was also reported that Mr. Conn possessed some mysterious magic in his hands and legs that more than compensated for his 25-pound disadvantage in weight. But, outside of Pittsburgh and Pompton Lakes, N. J., these reports were not taken very seriously.

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It all goes to show that skepticism can be as dangerous as credulity. It is the almost universal opinion of those who witnessed the business at the Polo Grounds, as well as of the two principals, that nothing but a certain incautiousness on the part of Mr. Conn in the thirteenth round prevented him from relieving Mr. Louis of the title by way of a clearly earned decision. It would seem that in the later rounds the audacious notion of planting a knockout punch on the greatest of all knockout punchers actually entered Mr. Conn's head. Thus he became a crude type of the tragic hero who, according to the classical formula, is destroyed by his own excessive ambition. He made his fate without deserving it. At any rate, that is how it must have seemed to most of the millions who listened to the broadcast blow-by-blow reports. After those dramatic tenth, eleventh and twelfth rounds many must have shared in the hope that the great Joe Louis was going to lose by a knockout. The novelty-loving masses hate to live too long with the same set of celebrities.

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Louis Will Buy Defense Bonds With Tonight's Cut

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By International News Service

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Joe Louis will invest his share of tomorrow's fight proceeds in United States defense savings bonds, John Roxborough, Louis' manager informed the Treasury Department tonight. A $4[illegible] gate is expected at the Polo Grounds for Louis' bout with Billy Conn tomorrow night. Louis' share of the purse is 40 per cent.

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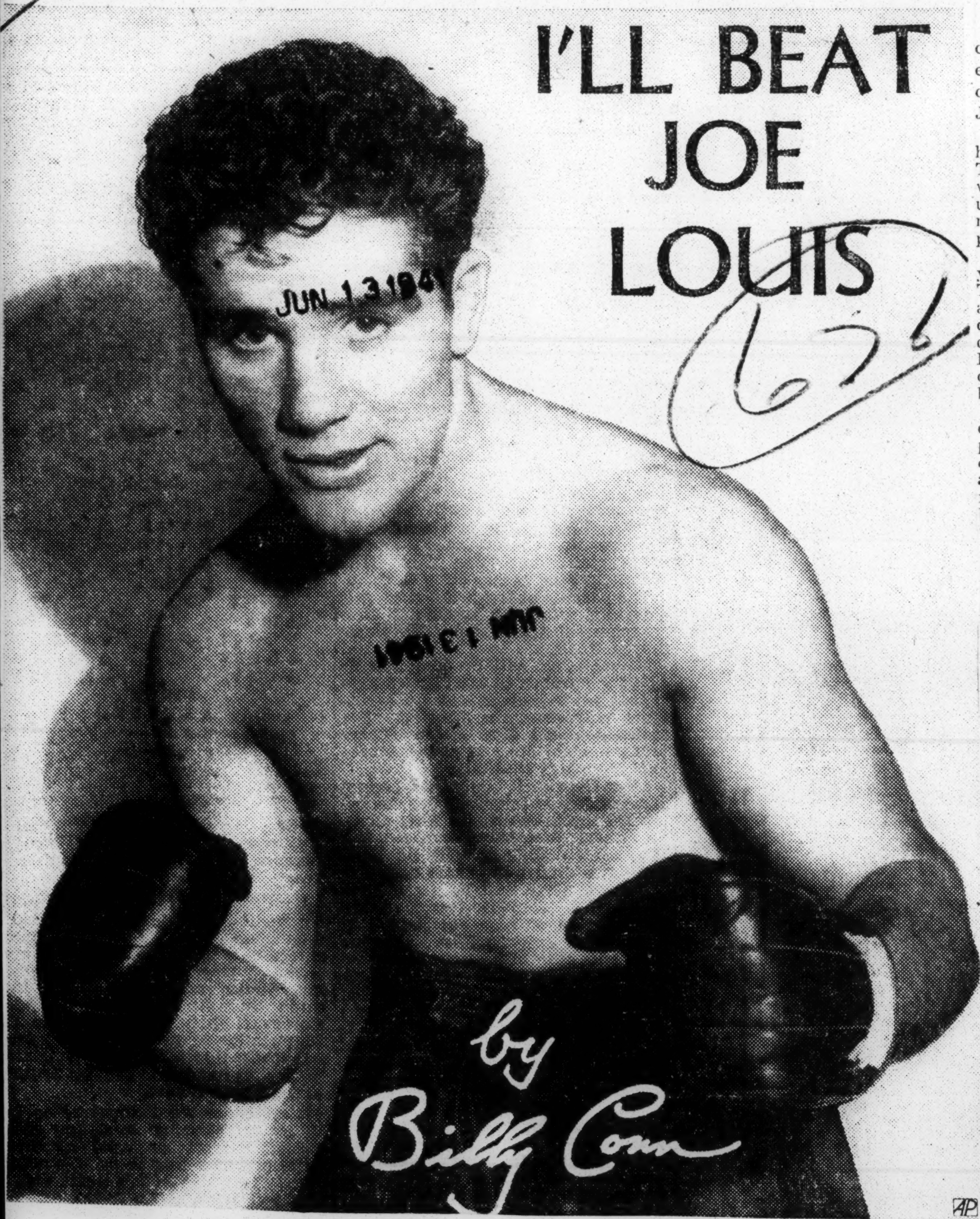
Challenger's Version Of Coming Battle



'I'm A Better Boxer, I'll Lather Him Good, I'll Win The Title'

AP FEATURE SERVICE

No matter what some of my critics may try to tell you, I fully expect to win the heavyweight championship of the world from Joe Louis at the Polo Grounds.

A lot of people like Louis to keep his title. That is their privilege. They tell you that you should always string along with a champion until he loses; that he is the better man, or he wouldn't be the champion in the first place.

This is all very well, but how do you know when he is going to lose? They all do, sooner or later. There always comes a time when it is the challenger's turn to win, when the champion finishes second best, and I honestly believe that in the case of Louis and myself, that turn is to be mine.

I think Joe Louis is a great fighter. It would be silly of me to compare him with Dempsey or Tunney or some of the others, for I am just a young fellow and they were before my time. But I do think I can beat Louis, for several reasons. I'll tell you why.

In the first place, without wishing to be boastful, I believe I am a better boxer than Joe. All the sports writers and the fight fans tell me I am. I have seen Louis fight and I know I am lighter and faster—and I think cleverer—in the scientific side of the sport.

Terrific Puncher

Joe is a terrific puncher. If I were his equal in that respect, our bout would be no contest. But what good are Louis' punches if he can't hit you with them, if he wastes them on thin air? For a fighter—even a Dempsey or a Louis—to knock you out, must tag you. And I doubt if Louis is going to do that to me.

He might hit me accidentally once or twice, if I'm careless. But Louis hasn't knocked anybody out with a punch in years, not since he stopped poor old Paolino Uzcudun with a rifling right hand to the chin in the Garden one night. As a matter of fact, for a one-punch kayo king, I think Louis is vastly overrated.

Joe hit big, lumbering Buddy Baer with everything but the ring posts and couldn't get him out. He smacked Abe Simon at will with his Sunday punch for 13 rounds and Simon laughed at him. Well, Buddy and Abe aren't my idea of real good fighters; they're just big. And they can't move around fast enough to get out of their own way. Neither of them could hit me all night with a handful of puffed oats. Yet Simon had no trouble hitting Louis; as I recall it, he left-jabbed Joe's ears off. And Buddy belted Joe right out of the ring.

I take a punch well enough. There is no china in my chin. I've been knocked off my feet once or twice, as even the best boxers have. But I've always gotten up and come on to win. And I guess that speaks as well for my cause as anything else I could say.

"I Yield Nothing"

Everybody thinks I'm just a kid and nice old ladies shudder: "Tch, tch! They shouldn't let that little boy in there with that big, bad man!" I wish those softies would save their sympathy for somebody who really needs it. I've been in this business as long as Louis and I've had more pro fights. It has just taken me a while longer than Joe to grow up, to put weight on so I could get into the heavyweight class. But as for experience and competition, I yield nothing to the champion.

Some scoffers have said, "Wouldn't it be funny if Conn knocked Louis out?" What would be so funny about it? That could happen, too. I may not pack Joe's dynamite, but I hit sharp and often. And I don't have to have a slow-moving or stationary target in front of me, either, which are the kind Louis favors.

I've knocked out my share of fellows. I stopped Bob Pastor in one fight, where it took Joe two. Louis has always had trouble with fellows smaller than himself; chaps who could move around him and confuse him and pepper him with punches while Joe tried to untrack himself.

"That's My Dish"

Well, that's my dish. I can box better and move faster than anybody he ever fought. I guarantee I won't stand there like a statue and let him take shots at my chin. Nor will I flee from Joe, for nobody wins running away, and I'm out to win a title; not just go the distance, like the Farrs, Pastors or Godoys. I'll lather him good and show Joe more boxing gloves than he'll find in a sporting goods store.

I'm going in there without a care in the world. I'll have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Joe will have to worry about protecting his title, for he loves that championship of his. But I want it, too, and I aim to take it, whether he likes it or not. So move over, Louis, here I come! The Conns were kings of Ireland, and one of their descendants will soon be king of the fight game, too!

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This Morning

—With Shirley Povich

Cleveland, June 10.—Eight days hence, Billy Conn will step into a New York ring that will also contain Joe Louis, and try to give the champion of the world 20 pounds and lick him. If Conn wins, it would certainly be the neatest trick of the week.

POVICH

As the fight nears, Challenger Conn is commanding more respect, and it was ever thus in the days preceding a big fight. The din of ballywood and the willingness to lend credulity to the possibilities of an upset is always present, and the Conn who wasn't conceded anything more than a remote chance to beat Louis when the articles were signed, is now no more than a 4-to-1 shot.

We don't think Conn will win, which is no statement to cause anybody to hock the family gems and get a bet down on Louis; not with our opinion on such matters retailing at 3 cents home delivered or at your nearest newsstand. But we are trying to be objective about it all, and there seems little to recommend Conn aside from a native cleverness inside the ring, plus what must be a gamester's heart.

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Conn's chances were supposedly improved after the Louis-Buddy Baer fight in Washington when the clumsy, slow-moving Baer tagged the champion with a left hand and knocked him through the ropes, but we can not conceive of such as Conn knocking Louis down. Baer, for all his ponderous slowness, carried power in his fists, and Conn has never been rated as a puncher.

Three of the four men who have had Louis on the floor have been fine punchers—Baer, Tony Galento and Max Schmeling. The only other fellow to put Louis down was Jimmy Braddock, who still says proudly that the uppercut with which he floored Louis at Chicago was the best punch he ever threw in his life. There is nothing in Conn's arsenal that figures to hurt Louis, only embarrass him.

Conn appears to be just the sort of opponent to bring out the best in Louis. Heretofore, the champion, risking a title valued at more than a million dollars, had to be wary against most of the mugs he was fighting; he could scarcely afford to be hit by inept but strong-arm guys who might land on his chin and upset him.

But against Conn, Louis should be very willing to take what the challenger throws his way. For the first time in a long while, the champion is meeting an opponent who doesn't outweigh him. He will have a 20-pound advantage on Conn, and the challenger, after all, is merely an overstuffed light-heavyweight who never made a reputation as a puncher even when he was the class of his own division.

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They've built Conn up to this thing. With the Louis fight in view, they have put 10 additional pounds on the challenger. What Conn may have sacrificed in speed and endurance by those added 20 pounds is debatable. He may be hitting harder, But the chances are he has lost some of his speed. That may be completely fatal against such as Louis.

There has been claims, of course, that Louis has receded from the fine edge he attained when he won the title from Jimmy Braddock four years ago and defended it so successfully against Max Schmeling, the man who once upon a time knocked him out. But the blunt fact is that Louis, at his present 202 pounds is only three-quarters of a pound heavier than on the night when he won the title. There seems to be small basis there for any belief that the champion has become fleshy.

In the general appraisal of Conn as a clever, fast smart boxer, the fact that appears to be overlooked is that Louis himself is no dolt in that ring. There is nothing wrong, whatsoever, with Louis' own boxing skill, and we will always believe that he punches faster than any heavyweight who ever lived.

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Conn may discover that Louis, even as a heavyweight, punches with more speed than most light-heavies and middleweights he has been meeting. Louis carries his fists high on his breast for a purpose; he knows with those short, fast punches he is till a dangerous socker. If he tags Conn on the chin, Conn will not be tagged by one of his light-heavyweight opponents, he will have been hit by a guy who can sock.

The unanimous opinion is that Conn can take it, but so could Buddy Baer. He took it magnificently for five rounds, but there had to be an end to human resistance, and Louis eventually knocked him out. We think that sometime during the evening, Louis will catch up with Conn at some point, and knock him out, too, perhaps with one punch.

Louis, Conn Need Little Camp Work

Frequent Fighting Puts Them in Trim

By LESTER BROMBERG.

JUN 4 1941

As Joe Louis and Billy Conn today took up work in their respective training camps for their fight two weeks from tonight at the Polo Grounds it was apparent that Mike Jacobs had arrived at a new streamlined era of heavyweight title fight promotion.

A couple of years ago both participants would have gone into camp a month or longer beforehand. There was, moreover, a preliminary toughening up period at some isolated place in the woods or on a farm.

The new setup is enough to make Billy McCarney or Jack Kearns break down and boohoo. The boys are going into this one with little more than a haircut and a shave.

The difference, of course, is that both Louis and Conn have been fighting right along.

In prior years Joe never had less than three months between his last spring fight and his June title defense. This time he boxed less than a month before the big number and the May 23 thriller with Buddy Baer came on the heels of five bouts in as many months.

Jacobs announced Conn had this match the night Louis opened his grand tour in Boston with Al McCoy. But still Billy has been in action more times than most challengers of the past. Twice he worked on sparring partners in public, Ira Hughes and Dan Hassett. And then he had those tuneups with Gunnar Barlund and Buddy Knox.

Consequently both sides have altered their modes of preparation.

Louis, who had plenty of target practice against Baer, will need only 10 days of actual boxing at Greenwood Lake. Aware that rest from contact won't hurt his left eye, twice cut this season, his board of strategy has decided that Joe will not start sparring until Friday or Saturday.

Conn, quite sharp in his tiff with Knox, already has sparred twice at the Pioneer Gym but he'll probably have less boxing than for any of his fights as a light heavyweight champion, the title Johnny Ray tossed back to the State Athletic Commission yesterday. Billy is at Pompton Lakes.

Conn and his official family are installed in the house that Louis tenanted so many times, Doc Bier's Colonial mansion. Billy has his own cook, Billy Handler, suggested by Lindy, the restaurateur and a bodyguard in Joe Becker Pittsburgh detective.

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Still A Champion

After hearing the radio description and reading the newspaper accounts of the Conn-Louis heavyweight battle Wednesday night, we have only admiration for the gameness and skill of both fighters.

Billy Conn, outweighed some 25 pounds, showed superb courage, confidence and boxing ability. To go against this Joe Louis, particularly with such a weight handicap, is really to tackle something. For all his Irish assurance, Conn must have realized the extent of his assignment. But he steadfastly put down his misgivings and kept on alternately wading in and dancing out of the champion's reach.

So successful was Conn with these tactics that he appeared to have a clear advantage on points up to the beginning of the fatal thirteenth. Then his confidence and initiative went a little too far and he ran into the fate that Louis had dealt out to so many others.

Conn can be proud of this fight and he can be comforted in the assurance that he undoubtedly will eventually get another shot at the title.

On the other hand, Joe Louis, Alabama's great champion, seemed to us to show some of the greatest fighting qualities of all in this bout. He proved that he could take severe punishment, stand on the edge of defeat, face the clear possibility of losing on points, and still come back to win. That is the most engaging of all championship attributes. It is much more appealing than the mere physical ability to hammer opponents down.

And Louis, despite his danger, showed his fairness and his sportsmanship in not taking advantage of Conn when, in his lively footwork, he seemed several times to lose balance and expose himself to a knockout blow.

Then, too, it is to be observed that in the critical stage of the fight, Louis showed that he still had the championship punch.

This Alabama champion has a quiet modesty, along with all his other great qualities, and the state can well be proud of him.

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Billy Conn Gets His Big Chance Wednesday

BATTLING BILLY CONN, with the backing of about half of the ring experts, gets a chance Wednesday night to bring an end to the longest run a heavyweight champion ever has enjoyed when he bucks up against Joe Louis.. John L. Sullivan was the first great milestone of modern maul. Jack Dempsey was the second and Louis third. Jimmy Corbett was the man who stopped Sullivan. Gene Tunney brought an end to Dempsey's rule. Now, comes a good little man who must spot the champion about 20 pounds. However he is considered twice as fast as the champion...

A good many of the wise ring prognosticators have selected Conn to whip Louis. They claim that Louis is slowing up in that he is ageing and can't hit as hard as he used to...Still we are of the opinion that Conn isn't ripe enough for the kill as yet...It's true enough Conn is one of the best Louis has fought and he might last longer than most of the others but we just can't see the good little man beating the Bomber. But of course we might be wrong as we have been on numerous occasions before...Still we'll string along with the Bomber to end the fight in the 12th...

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It'll be the 17th time Louis has laid the fight game's richest bauble on the line and cagy Mike Jacobs predicts that a record gate of more than $300,000 which means that a crowd of some 35,000 or 40,000 will view the battle...Louis is the third biggest money-maker in the ring history. Dempsey and Tunney collected more...Louis, if he can get by Conn, plans to meet Simon, Buddy Baer and Lou Nova...

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Boys In The Know Favor Conn

Strange enough is the fact that a majority of the fighters, managers and ring enthusiasts seem to think that Billy Conn, the snappy stepping, artful jabber from Pittsburgh, will outpoint Joe Louis in the 15-rounder. So unless there's a swift change about, Billy will enter the ring as the favorite of the guys in the know. However, the betting fraternity, continues to favor the champion at odds something like 2 1-2 to 1, the lowest odds ever offered against Louis.

Some of the others think like this:

BOB PASTOR, who was stopped by both men, likes Louis. Says Bob: "Conn will bother Louis for two or three rounds. Then Louis will kayo him before the ninth. Conn hit me very few times in the first eight rounds and I could hit him whenever I wanted to. If I can hit him, Louis can hit him. And when Louis hits him he'll knock him out."

JACK DEMPSEY likes Louis, too, but Jim Braddock, the man Joe beat to win the crown, sides with Conn.

Here are the opinions of some of the mob:

ABE SIMON, who went 13 rounds with Louis: Conn won't last more than seven rounds. No other man living can take Louis' punches like I did.

CHRIS DUNDEE, manager of former middleweight champion Ken Ovelin: "I think Conn has a great chance."

FRED APOSTOLI, one-time ranking middleweight who gave Conn two great fights: "I like Billy."

SOL GOLD, manager of middleweight Ernie Vigh: "Conn."

RAY ARCEL, trainer who has seconded nine men against Louis: "Conn is clever and game but he will be up against the greatest fighter in boxing and Conn just lacks the power to retard Louis' offense."

AL WEILL, manager of former lightweight champion Lou Ambers: "Conn has a very good chance."

PAUL DAMSKI, manager of Gunnar Barlund, recently beaten by Conn: "Louis will certainly knock him out."

JOE GOULD, manager of former champion Jim Braddock: "Joe has slipped and I think Conn has the speed to stay away and jab his way to a victory."

LEW JENKINS, lightweight champion: "I'm getting down a little bet on Conn."

DAN MORGAN, fight expert: "Conn."

LOU BURSTON, manager of Anton Christoforidis: "Louis."

FRITZIE ZIVIC, welterweight champion: "Remember, no one thought I had a chance against Armstrong, either. I like Conn."

JAMES J. JOHNSTON, manager of Pastor and Simon: "Any round, any second, after the opening bell may be the last for Conn. I've seen them all since Sullivan and only Tunney and Johnson would have had a chance against Louis."

LEW DIAMOND, the honest brakeman: "Conn."

GUS LESNEVICH, N. B. A. light heavyweight champion who twice lost to Conn: "Billy will win."

KEN OVERLIN, former middleweight king: "Conn."

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Many Leagues Admitting Soldiers Free

Baseball leagues throughout the country are gradually adopting movements whereas all soldiers and sailors (enlisted men) are to be admitted to all games by paying only the usual tax ticket that is paid on all passes...The National League already has begun this and now the Southern League is the latest to adopt the movement...

Luke Gunnells, Dothan shortstop continues to lead the Alabama State League in hitting. He is hitting over the .300 mark...Forrest (Country) Austin, Tallassee outfielder, is leading in home runs. He has sixteen round-trippers..

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The firing of Babe Ganzel as manager of Gadsden meant that Montgomery will not receive Catcher Ralph McNair and Outfielder Ed Hoffman, we are told...It seems that the sale of the two players were made with Ganzell here last week and now that a new Gadsden group has taken over the club, the deal is lost...So the Rebel chiefs must hunt further for catching and outfield assistance...

Champ Figures to Pick Up Speed at Lower Poundage

Harry Wills, Eddie Mead Watch Joe Drill, See Early Knockout of Conn

By LESTER BROMBERG,
Staff Correspondent.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., June 16.—As Joe Louis "rolled downhill" toward his heavyweight title defense against Billy Conn Wednesday at the Polo Grounds Manager John Roxborough today disclosed that the champion probably will be under 200 pounds at weigh-in time.

For a fighter whose poundage has been virtually anchored at 202 and 203 for the last half year this is striking news.

"The way Joe has been bearing down here we're entitled to look for a low weight," observed Roxborough. "Today marks the [illegible] consecutive day that Louis has boxed four rounds or more."

The manager revealed Trainer Jack Blackburn has been planning very definitely to bring the Detroit Detonator up to the fight in shape for a fast start.

"We know Conn is a slow starter," John explained, "and we know this can become a very hard fight if Conn gets a chance to warm up."

Roxborough then drew from a pocket a listing of Louis' weights for some of his last fights. The night he won the title from Jim Braddock in Chicago, almost exactly four years ago, Joe was 197¼. For his smashing revenge job on Max Schmeling in 1938 he weighed an even 200. He was 200¾ against Tony Galento in 1939.

The last time Louis shaded the under side of 200 was for his return knockout of Arturo Godoy last June when he was 199.

Weights for his bouts of the last six months were as follows:

Al McCoy, 202¼; Gus Dorazio, 203½; Red Burman, 202½; Abe Simon, 202; Tony Musto, 203¼; Buddy Baer, 201¾.

Roxborough insisted that Louis' weight for any fight is a matter of season.

"He'll always be lower for an outdoor fight if the weather is half way warm," the manager said. And he added: "Joe always fights better outdoors for the same reason."

Roxborough finds it difficult to concede that Louis has lost even a little of his hitting power.

"In camp he has been holding back, but I saw enough to satisfy me in the Simon and Baer fights. . . . The rights he hit Simon lifted that big boy off his feet. . . . The right he dumped Buddy with the first time had Baer completely [illegible]. . . . And one left into Buddy's Adam's apple made me think Joe put his hand through the fellow's throat."

When Roxborough took issue with the frequently voiced view that Conn is faster than Louis the manager found agreement forthcoming from Harry Wills, famed old Negro heavyweight; and Eddie Mead, manager of Henry Armstrong, camp visitors.

Speed in Hitting All That Counts, Says Wills.

"Besides stepping around fast in the ring don't get you nowhere. When you bounce you always bounce back into line for a punch."

Mead opined: "Conn's super speed was barely enough to get him by with the Bettinas and Lesneviches. It won't be fast enough for Louis by a long shot."

Louis' four-round session yesterday, a routine affair, was staged before a large crowd that kept shuttling in and out of the indoor gym because of the rain threat. When Mike Jacobs finally arrived the impresario gave the order to have Joe work outside, but to be sure and have dry canvas.

Joe O'Leary, camp proprietor, neatly got around the threat of blue law interference with the sale of tickets for the workout. His men hawked programs for $1 apiece. These admitted bearers to the workout. Darn clever, these O'Learys.

Johnny Ray, Conn's manager, didn't seem displeased with Billy's form in his six-round workout yesterday at Pompton Lakes, N. J., although a large gallery seemed to be of the opinion that Willie was trying to slug too much. General Phelan and Bill Brown were official observers.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Will 'Sell Out', Say Scared Followers

But Joe Treasures Title Above All Else; Doesn't Need Money; Wants To Retire Undefeated; Wouldn't Know How To Dive.

By THAD HOLT.

The grapevine that swings from Auburn avenue to Harlem and across to all the other spots where Joe Louis is worshiped drips with the poison that has preceded and followed many important heavyweight prizefights of history.

It has spread right here into our building. Just yesterday one of the big colored boys who works around the office came up solemnly and said "I'se po'erful worried about dis fight. I'se afraid Joe is gwine to pass de title along to Conn."

Comes word from Freddy Guinyard, the dapper little Negro who serves as the Bomber's secretary and who was the "fourth man in the ring" at the recent Louis-Buddy Baer fight that Louis is receiving scores of letters daily from members of his race beseeching Joe not to let them down.

These fans, according to Guinyard, have read rumors in newspapers for Negroes that Louis is about to step out and let Conn win.

"I write to those fans, Freddy says, "telling them they should be ashamed of themselves for believing such rumors. I assure them that Joe won't let them down."

Indeed these colored fans should be ashamed. If ever they have been represented in any sport or any business by a more sincere man than Joe Louis it slips the mind.

SAVIOR TO BOXING.

Louis not only has been a credit to his race. He has reflected honor upon boxing itself, lifting the fight game out of its worst depression in more than a generation by his admirable behavior in and out of the ring, his willingness to take on all comers and his determination to give his best every minute he wears the gloves.

These ugly stories didn't circulate before the Baer fight, the Dorazio affair, the Simon scrap, because Louis' followers knew he was a dead cinch to win. But this time it is a different story. Conn is fast and smart. He is no bum. He has a chance, so the experts say. Louis is worried. His people, at least some of them, are more worried. Worry brings on fear and fear is apt to bring on anything. Thus we hear the stories that the boy who came up from the cotton fields of Alabama to win a fortune with his fists will sell out.

NO REASON FOR TALK.

None of this rubbish makes sense. Louis is now a wealthy man. He doesn't need money. His wardrobe is bulging with finely tailored suits. He can have anything money can buy.

Louis is directed and surrounded by wealthy, intelligent Negroes. Although a simple, uneducated boy from the cotton fields, Louis has a tremendous influence on his people. Every colored lad dreams of becoming a great champion like Louis. They know how Joe has sacrificed the fried chicken and ice cream he loves so well to reach and remain on top. No other man in history ever took such care of his body as Louis, after he became champion. Louis weighs no more today than when he took the title from Jim Braddock six years ago. He has set the perfect example of clean living for the Negro youth of the world.

SEEKS RING IMMORTALITY.

The Brown Bomber blinks his eyes and says earnestly, "I treasure the world's heavyweight boxing championship. I hope I never lose it. It is my hope to retire undefeated in a short time, just as did Gene Tunney. That would be a great thing. Then my people, for generations to come, could point back and say 'there was our champion; no man ever licked him'."

Finally, Louis, even if he lacked character, is not showman enough nor actor enough to frame a fight. That takes brains. A fighter must be unusually intelligent to "work" a fight. Some of the men who have made a practice of it and were most expert were caught. Louis wouldn't know how to pull a punch, allow a false look of pain to come across that poker face, or take a dive. The Brown Bomber couldn't fire a blank.

If Billy Conn wins, he'll have to do it the hard way. That's the only way Billy would want it, the only way Louis would have it.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Louis' Secretary Makes Heroic Sacrifice—Gives Up Ring Career!

United Press Sports Writer.

Greenwood Lake, N. Y., June 12.—Freddy Guinyard, the "fourth man in the ring" at the Louis-Baer fight at Washington, D. C., promised definitely today to remain out of the ring Wednesday night until the Louis-Conn fight is finished.

This will be a heroic sacrifice on Guinyard's part because the dapper little Negro—who serves as Joe Louis' personal secretary—feels that he has an important reputation to maintain.

Freddy will stay outside the ropes, but the fight won't be the same because, after all, he is the internationally famous "fourth man in the ring." He has carved himself a permanent niche in sports history because of his ability to appear suddenly like a wraith in the ring before a bout is ended.

Most of the fans and even many of the boxing writers who witnessed Louis' seventeenth title defense against Buddy Baer at Washington did not realize that Freddy and his pork-pie hat were in the ring before Baer was floored for the third time in that hectic sixth round.

Where Did You Get That Hat?

But when motion pictures of the bout were screened throughout the Nation it was Guinyard who stole the show. As Baer was coming up from the canvas the second time, Freddy came bounding through the ropes.

And on his head was that H-A-T—a brown coconut pork-pie with a brim that looked like airplane wings. As Freddy came rushing to the center of the ring, it seemed that he was about to take off.

Never since then has Secretary Guinyard worn that chapeau.

It wasn't the serious things that were written and said about Freddy and his sky piece that bothered him. It was the constant kidding by friends and even strangers that caused him to change to a brown fedora.

"I'm afraid I'll never live it down," Freddy said today while Louis was working out in Joe Murchio's indoor gymnasium. "And I was entirely innocent. People told me later that Louis might have lost his title because I was in there before the round was finished. But, gee, I thought it was finsihed. I was sitting right near the knockdown timekeeper. I saw him count 10 on Baer and wave his hand to show that Baer was out. Apparently the referee was a count behind. I jumped into the ring when the knockdown timekeeper waved his hand."

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Track Marks By Tuskegee Girls Better Than Those Of S. American Senoritas

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Track and field marks at the annual South American championships for women, which were held at Buenos Aires, April 19 to May 4 inclusive, reveal some interesting results when compared with the marks made by Tuskegees famous women's track and field team in the light of the fact that the Pan-American games are scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires in 1942.

The 200 meter dash was won by Lelia Spuhr of Argentine in the time of 26.1 seconds. Hester Brown has a best time of 26 seconds flat in this event. Also Rowena Harrison and Lucy Newell have run the 200 meters in 26 seconds. The 80 meter hurdles event was won by Crisca Jane Giese of Brazil in 12.4 seconds. Lillie Purifoy, the National Indoor champion in the 80 meter hurdles has a best time of 12.2 and Lelia Perry has topped the timbers for this distance in 12.4 seconds.

The high jump was also won by Lelia Spuhr of Argentina, 4 feet, 1 inch. Alice Coachman has a best height of 5 feet 4 inches. She has been the National A. A. U., Outdoor campion for two years. She also has won the indoor title and accomplished this feat this Spring. Lelia Perry can also reach a height of 5 feet 1 inch in the high jump.

The running broad jump was won by Ildumist Kastodorff of Uruguay with a leap of 16 feet, 9-½ inches. Lucy Newell has a best jump of 18 feet, 3 inches in competition. She is also the National Indoor champion in the standing broad jump.

The shot put was won by Irma Mello de Preiss of Argentina with a distance of 38 feet, 9 inches. Hattye Hall has a best effort of 39 ft.

Cristel Balde of Chile threw the discus 116 feet, 9½ inches to win this event. Margaret Barnes has a best distance of 122 feet in competition, and in practice Christine Long has consistently thrown the spear over 120 feet.

Argentine won the 440 meter relay with a time of 51.2 seconds. Tuskegee has won the National Outdoor championship in this event for the last three years and also broke the accepted indoor worlds record by .5 seconds at Atlantic City this Spring when Lucy Newell, Hester Brown, Lelia Perry and Rowena Harrison whirled around the oval in 50.3 seconds.

Outdoor Team A, composed of Lucy Newell, Lelia Perry, Alice Coachman and Rowena Harrison, can do 49 seconds flat; and the B team of Hattye Hall, Hester Brown, Mamie Taylor and Lillie Purifoy can do 50 seconds flat.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

New Stands Erected For Tennis Champ Meet

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Erection of new stands on the championship courts was begun here this week. The old wooden bleachers were completely destroyed by fire early in June. The new stands, which will seat, 1,000 people will be ready on or about July 20th.

The Championship Courts are being completely resurfaced with Tuskegees own famous multi-colored clays which are mined from the historic old clay pit which furnished the clay from which bricks were burned for all of the Institutes older buildings.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Gene Tunney Says Joe Louis' Successor Now in Training

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(ANP)—Joe Louis's successor as world's heavyweight champion is now in training in some army camp, thinks Gene Tunney, former titleholder and lieutenant commander in the reserves who has the job of coordinating the physical training of navy fliers with their aviation instruction.

"I haven't seen the next champion yet," Tunney admitted, "but it is certain that he is now in training.

"The rigid physical requirements of the service today will bring out the boy who will dethrone Louis. The new champion will be even greater than the Brown Bomber."

SPORTS SLANTS

By 'Melancholy' JONES

Joe Louis Won First Eight Fights After Winning Title In 41 Rounds; Bomber Has Had To Go 51 Rounds In Last Seven Trips

APR 5 1941 SAVANNAH JOURNAL

THE NEGRO PRESS, almost to a man, is hastily dismissing any idea that World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis may be slipping since winning the title from Jimmy Braddock June 22, 1937 in Chicago.

The white press, practically without exception, contends that the Brown Bomber has gone back noticeably in the past year or so. SAVANNAH, GA.

After carefully weighing both bones of contention, the column, adhering to its unfailing policy of proving its points factually—with cold figures—sides with the latter—the Nordic press—in its view Joe Louis is definitely slipping.

Don't get this observer wrong, now; he doesn't take the position that Louis' crown is in danger. He pointed out long ago that, as far as he could perceive, Louis could slip by a tremendous margin and still stand out head and shoulders above the present crop of heavyweight contenders.

In fact, that is the opinion of the column regarding what is happening. Louis, definitely, is superior to the rest of the heavyweight field. But, if one is to believe in cold figures, he has shown a slight but noticeable decline since halting Two-Ton Tony Galento in New York City June 22, 1939.

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Counting the Tommy Farr bout, first contest in which he defended his heavyweight crown August 10, 1937, and moving through the Galento skirmish, the Brown Bomber placed his title on the line seven times in battles scheduled to go 105 rounds. Louis needed but 30 of those rounds for the lofty efficiency rating of 350%.

After that, Louis had to go 11 rounds to stop Bob Pastor in his eighth title defense; 15 rounds to decision Arturo Godoy in his ninth defense of the world heavyweight diadem. He used eight cantos against Godoy in his 10th defense.

A run of lesser opponents, all indoor matches, came along in the next four outings—Johnny Paychek (2), Al McCoy (6), Red Burman (5), Gus Dorazio (2)—and it took the Brown Bomber an aggregate of 15 rounds to get rid of the quartet. APR 5 1941 SAVANNAH JOURNAL

Then, a few days ago in his 15th title defense, Louis had to go 13 stanzas to bottle up and go with Abe Simon, 254½-pound Jewish pachyderm. SAVANNAH, GA.

This shows that Louis won the first seven fights after he won the heavyweight title in 30 of a scheduled 105 rounds for an efficiency rating of 350%, but later went 62 rounds of a scheduled 130 for an efficiency average of 209%. A slump of 141% in efficiency against weaker opposition in the space of just one and a half years!

The record of Louis' 15 title defenses and the number of rounds it required him to win is given below. The outside column of figures on the right is running total of complete rounds boxed. (OF) denotes "Outdoor Fights."

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

2,250 Policemen Assigned to Fight

NEW YORK, June 13.—(AP)—The largest special police detail ever assigned for a prize fight—2,250 men in uniform and plain clothes—will patrol the Polo Grounds and Harlem next Wednesday night when Joe Louis defends his heavyweight title against Billy Conn.

The detail complements the regular forces on duty in neighboring police stations. Police officials said they anticipated no more disorder than is usual when Louis meets a white challenger at one of the local ball parks, but had decided to be prepared for any eventuality.

The streets of Harlem will be patrolled all night by 700 police, most of them toting nightsticks.

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South Africa

Joe Louis Learns To Read And Write

And Has Nearly £500,000

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JOE LOUIS, Negro heavyweight champion of the world, has been totting up the money he owns. He finds that he now has nearly half a million pounds saved up in the bank and all made in the last six years.

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He has earned this money in big fights. When he began his boxing life he could neither read nor write: so, when money came to him, he engaged a tutor to teach him to do so. He now reads and writes, talks of becoming and lawyer one day!

He has defended his title times but has taken so many hard punches that he cannot today think quickly, indeed is a very slow thinker except when he gets into the ring! Then his brains directs him swiftly where to land the blows.

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He has only met with one real defeat in first class boxing and that was at the hands of Max Schmeling, the German. He was knocked out then in 11 rounds. He had his revenge on Schmeling a year or two later however, for he knocked him out in one round.

Schmeling suffered injuries in that fight which put him out of big boxing for a long time.

He is now too old to have any chance of repeating his earlier victory in the ring and Louis, therefore, in a class by himself, will probably retain the world championship for a good many more years.

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New York, N. Y.

BOUT IN ST. LOUIS ENDED BY REFEREE

Donovan Declares Louis Victor Over Musto, Still on Feet, After 1:36 of Ninth

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17,456 SEE BOMBER WIN

Champion Floors Opponent for No-Count in the Third—Loser Fights Gamely

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ST. LOUIS, April 8—Joe Louis had things much tougher than any one expected in his fight with Tony Musto, chunky Blue Island (Ill.) challenger, tonight.

The Brown Bomber, deefnding his heavyweight championship of the world for the sixteenth time knocked out his rival in 1 minute and 36 seconds of the ninth round of the scheduled fifteen-round bout but the end found Musto still on his feet, still eager to continue with the warrior who wass ubjecting him to a methodical beating.

The paid attendance was 17,456. The receipts were $52,993.

Arthur Donovan, New York referee imported to serve as the third man in the ring, halted the fray when it became apparent to every one that the challenger had no chance. Musto was plainly beaten, an dhis face ripped ra wand gory by the steady impact of Louis's hard left jabs and hooks, was a pitiable picture indeed. But before Donovan called a halt to the proceedings, Musto had mad things decidedly unpleasant for the champion, and even enjoyed the satisfaction of capturing a couple of rounds from the dreaded Brown Bomber.

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Bounces to His Feet

Never before knocked down in thirty-nine professional fights, Musto to found himself on the canvas under the force of a crushing left hook to the jaw in the third round. But the sturdy challenger, disdaining to take a count, bounced to his feet immediately and proceeded to present most stubborn opposition to the crafty, sharp-hitting Louis. From the way things went in the first three rounds, it appeared as though Louis could finish his foe whenever he felt so disposed.

The fight by rounds:

First Round

Louis missed a left for the head. Musto closed in and drove both hands to the body. Musto missed an overhand punch for the head. The challenger crouched almost to the floor and Joe shot a right to the forehead. Louis shot several fast lefts to the face and Musto returned a right to the heart and a left to the jaw.

Musto closed in and landed a left to the head. The champion shot a short right to the face. Louis drove a right to the body at close range, but Musto returned a left to the head. Louis rocked Musto with a left and a right to the face.

Second Round

Louis jabbed several lefts to the face. Musto rushed in and drove both hands to the head. Musto drove a right to the body and a right and left to the head. Musto shot a right to the heart and several left hooks to the heart. Louis shot a left hook to the jaw. Louis drove a right uppercut to the chin and staggered Musto.

The challenger landed a long left to the head and took a right to the jaw. Musto curled a long right around Louis's neck. Louis shot a long left to the face, but Musto shot two lefts to the face. Musto drove a right to the body and took two lefts to the face. Louis landed a right to the heart and then both hands to the face. Musto hooked a left to the face at the bell.

Third Round

Musto landed a right to the body. Musto missed a long left to the head. Musto landed a right to the head and then forced Louis into a corner. The challenger shot another right to the head. Louis drove a right uppercut to the chin.

Louis landed a right to the jaw. The champion drove several lefts to the face while Musto tried to get out of the way. Louis dropped Musto for no count with a left hook. The challenger swung wildly on arising and landed several left hooks to the head. Louis stabbed a number of lefts to the face. Musto drove a left to the body, but took a left and right to the face in return.

Fourth Round

Musto drove a right to the ribs. He then grazed Louis's chin with a long right. Louis hooked a left to the face and chopped a right to the face. Musto missed a body punch and held.

Louis landed a right to the face and hooked a left to the jaw. Louis drove a right to the kidney and Musto tried to hold. Louis drove three lefts to the head. Louis shot a right to the ribs and another right to the jaw. Joe missed a right for the head. Musto landed a left hook to the face. Musto drove his left to the body. Musto forced Louis to the ropes and sent both hands to the body and shot a right to the body.

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Fifth Round

Louis stabbed several lefts to the face. Musto missed a left for the head andd took a hard left on the nose. Musto missed a right for the head. Louis drove Musto's head back with a right uppercut. Musto closed in and pounded the body with both hands. Louis hooked a left to the jaw.

Musto landed a left to the face and a right to the stomach. Musto hooked a left to the jaw and landed a hard right to the chin. Louis rocked Musto with a right to the face. Louis landed a right to the chin and took a left and right to the face. Musto bounced two hard left hooks off Joe's chin.

Sixth Round

Musto shot a right to the heart. Louis drove a hard, straight left to the face. Musto rushed the champion and fired both hands to the body. Louis missed a right for the head and took a solid right smash on the jaw.

Musto grazed the chin with a long right. They traded hard lefts to the chin. Musto landed a solid left hook to the head. Musto forced the champion to retreat. Louis stabbed two lefts to the face and landed a left to the jaw, but the challenger closed in and fired away with both hands to the head.

Seventh Round

Louis jabbed a number of lefts to the head. Musto, out of crouch, threw a long right to the face. Musto fired a right to the body. Louis jabbed three lefts to the face. Louis rattled Musto with a right and left to the face. Louis drove a right to the kidney. Louis sent a left to the jaw and drove several lefts to the head. Joe fired both hands to the face while Musto crouched.

Louis lifted his foe with a right to the chin. Joe battered Musto with a stream of lefts and rights to the face. Musto took a hard left on the chin. Louis stabbed his left into his rival's bleeding face and then staggered him with a right to the kidney. Musto survived the battering and then closed with a right to the face.

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Eighth Round

Louis fired both hands to the face. Musto rushed but stepped into a volley of left jabs. Louis landed a right uppercut to the chin. Louis fired both hands to the face, but Musto returned a right to the jaw. They traded rights to the head. Joe missed two right uppercuts to the face. Louis shot a solid right to the chin and staggered Musto. The challenger fought back and landed a left hook to the body. Louis bounced both hands off Musto's face.

Louis missed a right and left for the head. Musto hooked a left to the head. Louis drove both hands to the face and Musto returned both hands to the head. Louis sprayed his foe's face with a stream of left jabs.

Ninth Round

Louis poked his left frequently into Musto's face. Musto landed a light left to the face and a right to the heart. Louis jabbed his left into the ever advancing Musto's face repeatedly. Musto landed a right to the body. Louis ripped a savage left to the face.

The referee stopped the fight after 1:36 of the round. Musto was still on his feet, but plainly beaten.

Louis was the top-heavy favorite to win, the price being 1 to 20, or "write your own ticket." Most of the betting, however, was based on a knockout ending, with Louis the choice, at odds of 1 to 4, to stop his foe within five rounds.

The rivals weighed in at noon and were examined by Dr. Wayne S. Gorla of the Missouri State Athletic Commission. Louis tipped the beam at 203½ pounds, while Musto scaled 199¼. The fighters presented a strange picture as they met at the scales, for Louis, standing 6 feet 2½ inches tall, towered over his chunky foe, who was only 5 feet 7¼ inches.

Incidentally, the receipts established a record for a St. Louis fight program. The previous mark of $48,000 was established in 1931 when 18,130 persons watched Primo Carnera box Chuck Wiggins.

For Louis, the fight was his first in this city as a professional. As an amateur, though, the Brown Bomber appeared here and won the national A. A. U. junior light heavyweight championship in 1934 in the very same ring in which he fought Musto.

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In the opening five-round bout on the program Leon Haire defeated Bill Henley by a decision. Haire boxed cleverly at long range, and speared his opponent effectively with a sharp left jab. Henley sought to force the action all the way, but his rushes were easily evaded by his rangy foe.

The winner weighed 128 pounds while Henley scaled 130.

A pair of lightweights, Billie Born and Al Dorlac, collided in the second five-rounder and they treated the early arrivals to an entertaining battle, Born winning the decision. They showed little inclination for anything fancy and threw punches at one another for the greater part of the contest.

Born got off to a shaky start, and was on the canvas in the first round, under the force of a right to the jaw. He was up without a count, and fought back willingly, but Dorlac dominated the situation. In the second session, however, Born fought his way into close quarters, and pounded the body steadily.

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Dorlac sought to hold, but Born shook loose and proceeded to toss both hands to the midsection. They fought at a fast pace in the next two sessions, with Dorlac's long left enabling him to hold Born off somewhat. In the final frame the latter again succeeded in closing in and landed enough heavy body punches to earn the award. The weights were 138½ for the winner and 138 for Dorlac.

Pat Kissinger, 140, Kansas City, defeated Chino Lopez, 139, Mexico City, in a five-round bout.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

The Case of the Louises

It has often been said the first five years are the hardest for a married couple, and that if they get by the first five, they have an excellent chance of making a go of it. Joe Louis and Marva made it to the sixth year before reaching a point where they considered calling the whole thing off.

Obviously, the Louises have not had a normal married life and none can say whether it would have been rosier or rougher if they had been just plain Mr. and Mrs. Barrow—she a modest housewife, and he a common laborer in Ford's plant. Theirs has been a hectic life.

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Marva understood when she married Joe that he was a public figure and that, theoretically, he didn't belong to her exclusively. She knew she would have to share him, knew that there would be many days and nights when he would have to be away from her and home. She must have known, too, that the fact that he was married would not deter other women from admiring her husband. Such is the price of being married to a famous man. But we suspect Marva took all these things into consideration and braced herself for the worst.

It is presumptuous, indeed, for anyone to attempt to solve the marital difficulties of any couple. Personalities make this impossible, but in the light of experience, older persons have been known to give fairly good advice. As far as the general public is concerned, both Joe and Marva have lived exemplary lives since their marriage. Other than pure gossip—and there hasn't been too much of that—neither has come in for any criticism of his or her personal or private life. It would seem, then, that the main trouble now is one of nerves. Marva probably does feel neglected.

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Watch Out for That Right, Joe

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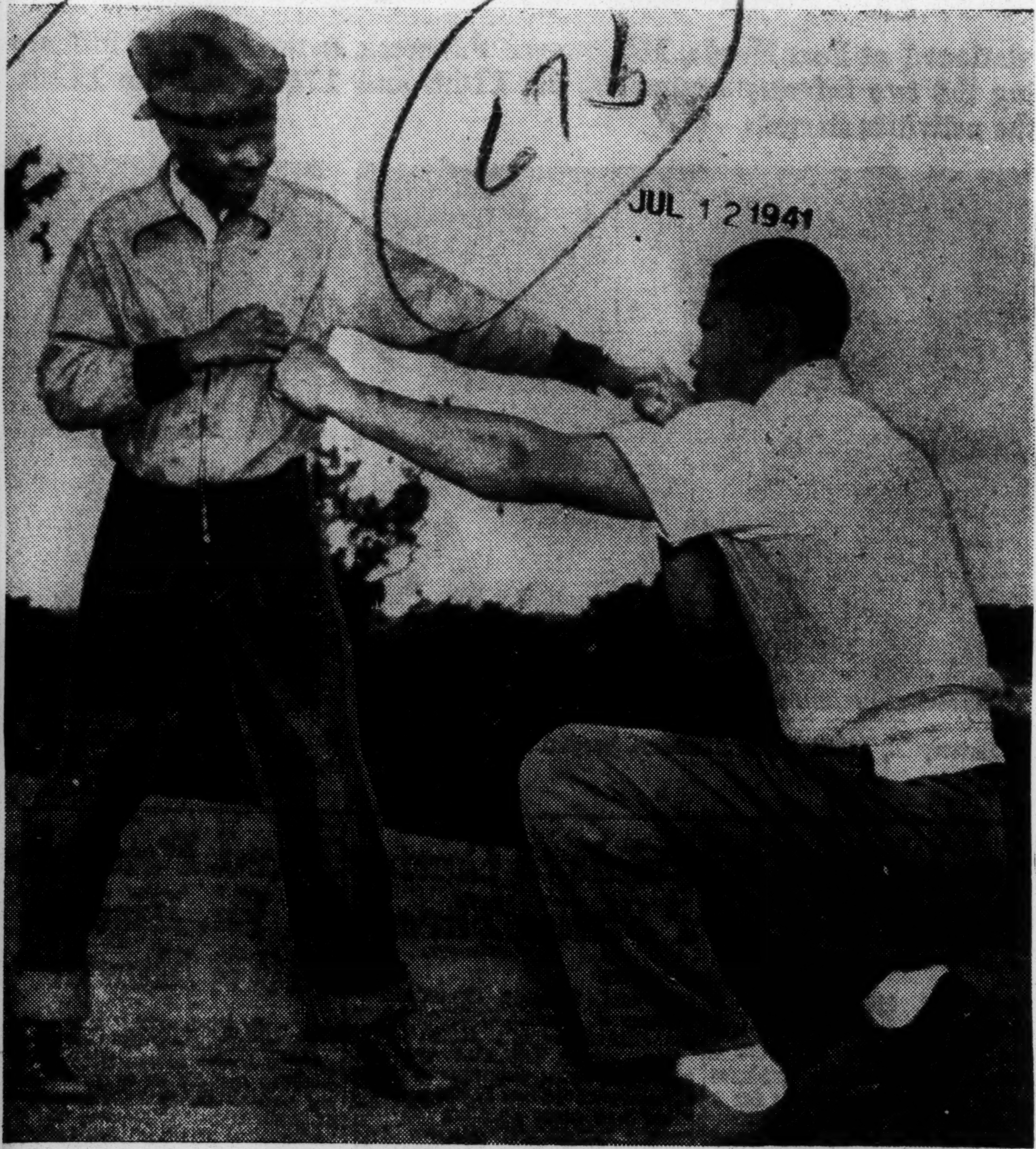

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

Pausing during a round of golf in Minneapolis, where he fought a four-round exhibition with Jim Robinson last night, Joe Louis yesterday squared off with "Duck" Campbell, paperweight boxing champion of a high school gym class. The heavyweight titlist appears in for a terrific beating

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~~Louis' Next~~ Bout May Go To Chicago

Anyhow, Uncle Mike Intimates So Much

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BY JOE WILLIAMS

CHICAGO, July 18.—Uncle Mike Jacobs popped in and out of here today, leaving the Windy City more windy as a consequence. It was a conversational wind and it had to do with the next appearance of Joe Louis in defense of the heavyweight championship.

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While Uncle Mike didn't say yes and he didn't say no, a performance of ambiguity not difficult for him, the good citizenry of the lake front seemed to gather the impression that when the Brown Bomber crawls through the ropes again it will be out here.

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Prominent among the aforementioned citizenry is Sheldon Clark who happens to be not only the chairman of the Illinois Athletic Assn. but one of the most influential sportsmen in the Middle West. Both in his capacity as chairman and sportsman Mr. Clark is eager to bring the fight here and he is the stubborn, energetic type of man who leaves no stone unturned. Indeed, it is said he holds several A. A. U. championships as a man who leaves no stone unturned.

Birmingham Ala.

We missed Uncle Mike on his hit and run stop here but we had a long talk with Mr. Clark and we are convinced that if there is any way for Chicago to steal the fight from New York it will be stolen. We trust it isn't necessary to add that the theft will be conducted with meticulous respect to law and order.

"I'm the kind of fellow," Mr. Clark told us, "who refuses to take anything for granted until the contracts are signed, sealed and delivered. That's the attitude I must take in respect to this fight. However, it is my private and confident belief we will get it. Jacobs is a good business man. We have tried to convince him he can make more money here than in New York. Once that is done we'll have the fight. I have known Jacobs for some time and studied carefully his method of operations and I don't believe any factor other than the commercial is necessary to move him."

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It is just possible that Mr. Clark knows his man. There is no record that Uncle Mike was ever unduly swayed by words of honeyed sweetness, sentimental gestures or civic sacrifices. If the money is here Uncle Mike will be very broadminded and generous about the whole thing: he will come in here and take it.

All this has to do with Louis and Neva, if you failed to guess. Louis won his title from Braddock here and hasn't displayed his lethal weapons before the locals since . . . "There is a possibility that this will be Louis' last fight" pointed out Mr. Clark. "It would be fitting if he ended his career as a champion in the same city where he started it."

We wished to know if Mr. Clark had outlined these enchanting prospects to Uncle Mike.

"It occurred to me that perhaps the gentleman might not be overly interested," observed Mr. Clark wearily.

The possibility of Louis ending his ring career shortly is not altogether remote. For one thing, Uncle Sam, who is in ~~no way to be~~ confused with Uncle Mike, may have something to say about that. Louis, in the process of ~~being divorced, is~~ likely to be in the Army by Spring. For another thing, no solid guarantee exists he will win the next time out; if the disastrous should happen he'd probably automatically retire.

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News
Birmingham, Ala.

Joe Louis Will Be Responsible For No Debts Except His Own

CHICAGO — (AP) — Heavyweight champion Joe Louis gave public notice Wednesday that he was not responsible for debts contracted by anyone but himself.

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His attorney, William H. Temple, declined comment on the obvious fact that "anyone" included Joe's wife, Marva, who sued him for divorce July 2 charging cruelty which the champion denied in an answer July 9.

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An advertisement in the personal columns of a daily newspaper said:

"Not resp. for debts cont. by anyone but myself. Joe Louis Barrow, 550 E. 61st St."

Attorneys explained that such notices are frequently published in divorce cases where questions of alimony or financial settlements are involved. Mrs. Louis in her suit asked for liberal support money, contending Joe was worth at least $800,000 and had an income of $250,000 a year.

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Temple declared prospects for a reconciliation were remote.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

GETTING RID OF JOE LOUIS

IT'S VERY RARE that the daily press pays attention to the domestic difficulties of Negroes, but the divorce proceedings between Joe and Marva Louis seems to be an exception. Because of the widespread publicity given this case, boxing promoters and aspiring heavyweights hope that Joe will be so busy and so worried for the next few months that he will be unable to successfully defend his title in September.

While we are unfamiliar with the merits of Mrs. Louis' charges against her husband, we hope that their affairs will be amicably adjusted before his next fight. But even if they are not, Joe is of the temperament of one who doesn't let such matters worry him.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

JOE LOUIS SAYS 'NO PAY'

Not Responsible for Others' Debts, He Advertises

CHICAGO, July 16 (AP)—Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, gave public notice today that he was not responsible for debts contracted by any one except himself.

His attorney, William H. Temple, declined to comment on the obvious fact that "any one" included Louis's wife, Marva, who sued him for divorce July 2, charging cruelty, a charge the champion denied in an answer July 9.

An advertisement in the personal columns of a daily newspaper stated:

"Not resp. for debts cont. by anyone but myself. Joe Louis Barrow, 550 E. 61st St."

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SPORTS SLANTS

By 'Melancholy' JONES

Joe Louis Estimates Having Spent Sum Of $150,000 on Marva; Winning Toss, Vital Factor in Peach Blossom Tilt—Graves

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Joe Louis, who recently answered his wife's charges of striking her with his fists in the latter's action for a divorce by saying the only use he ever made of his hands where Marva was concerned was either to caress her or to "peel off dough to satisfy her whims", estimates that he has spent $150,000 for her general upkeep.

It is a highly conservative estimate, too, because Joe declined to list several items he preferred to keep confidential and, here, one imagines the champion is concealing financial aid given his wife's people. The Rev. William Trotter, father of Marva and eight other children, might conceivably find himself in pressing circumstances at times. It is rather logical to believe Louis favored him either directly or indirectly. The 'old man" wouldn't have to present the case. Marva could do the job well enough.

And even if Marva and her father din't ask aid from Joe, it is almost inferred by the champion that he DID help the Trotters.

Roughly but conservatively, Joe Louis estimates the following output for his wife during their more than 5½ years of married life:

ITEM	EXPENDITURE
*Six-flat apartment	$21,000
*Improvements on apartment	$21,000
*Income from apartment rental	$10,000
*Personal allowance	$28,600
Luxury gifts	$20,000
Clothing, furs, etc.	$25,000
Payment of debts	$25,000
TOTAL	$150,600

In the breakdown above, the asterisks denote actual (not estimated) figures.

OFTEN, unnoticed litte details of tremendous importance in the deciding of a ball game go overlooked.

This point was brought out dramatically by Coach Artis P. Graves of Morris Brown, who was boss at the Purple Wolverine stronghold during the '40 football season while Head Coach W. J. Nicks was pursuing his M. A. in Physical Education at Columbia University.

Art Graves, while along the business section on Auburn Avenue Saturday afternoon, made a surprise visit to the SNS sports desk. He was in fine spirits and there is no more entertaining a mentor in the SIAC than the nationally known disciple of Harry R. (Big Jeff) Jefferson of Bluefield and Virginia State coaching fame when he (Graves) is in a jovial mood.

Conversation covered the gamut of current sport developments, mysteriously failing to include some mention to Joe Di Maggio's amazing consecutive game hitting streak recently ended.

Eventually, current sports ran out. Then, reference to Coach W. A. Alexander's guest column of Sunday, June 15, during the column's New York vacation, brought thoughts back to football.

Effect of the second "draft lottery" on football in the SIAC this fall was a big discussion item and, with finality, it was agreed nothing would be certain but UNCERTAINTY itself.

Somehow, the discussion got down to scouting and Coach Graves said Kentucky State's "Red" Stewart had the rare faculty of putting in a heavy evening socially the night before looking over some important foe and the gift of then expertly shaking off "hangover" effects in a split second when the ball game gets underway the next day. Football, Graves seems to hint, is Red's "chaser"!

At any rate, the talk of scouting shifted to the Florida-A. and T. and Alabama-Florida games of 1939, the angle being that Alabama, as a result of Scout Pierce's forewarnings, was almost over "pass-conscious" defensively. Florida, coming by land at the outset of the game, almost blasted the Hornets off the field. It is a tribute to their recuperative powers that they found themselves nine important points with the "chips down" to win 9-6 in the last half.

The column told Coach Graves the most liberal football it saw in an "even" contest was that Kentucky State-Florida bellringer in Frankfort. A 7-7 tie in which both teams moved the football almost with the rapidity of a smooth-passing basketball quintet. The Morris Brown-Wilberforce Steel Bowl was called a "honey"—but not too much of a contest—because the Green Wave was completely outclassed.

Finally, importance of little details in deciding an issue were discussed. There, Coach Graves lit up like an incandescent, saying that, for example, winning the toss enabled Morris Brown to rout Henry Arthur Kean's Thorobreds from Kentucky State in the Peach Bowl classic.

It was misty and the sod was uncertain. Graves said it was important to get the ball and get in one's passing while it was dry. Winning the toss gave Morris Brown that advantage.

Kentucky kicked off to Moody on the Purple four and, behind pretty massed interference, The Big Train stepped back 73 to the Kentucky 23. Bullet Joe Mitchell's 11 plus 5 heave to Skeet Franklin produced 16 yards to the 7. Franklin's toss of 4 to Mitchell put the ball on the 3 and Moods was over for the "TD" in one play. He then arched the extra point from placement for a 7-0 lead. Morris Brown was out in front 7-0 and only 43 seconds had elapsed!

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"Louis Has Earned Right To Retire"--Dempsey

Former Champion Says If Joe Retires It Should Be Permanent

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By JAMES EDMUND BOYACK

NEW YORK, July 24—"Joe Louis has earned the right to retire, and with high honor. But if he does retire, he should make it absolutely permanent!"

This was the reply of Jack Dempsey, universally recognized as the greatest white heavyweight champion in boxing history, to the question posed him by The Pittsburgh Courier — "Should Joe Louis retire, if he defeats Lou Nova this Fall?"

"I am certainly not going to tell Joe his business," Jack continued with [illegible] disarming smile. "No matter what he does he won't be able to please everybody," he added.

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The writer found the "Manhassa Mauler" behind his typewriter in the skyscraper offices of Liberty Magazine, where as Sports Editor, he has a national following of millions of readers. These days, in his spare time the one time terror of the prize ring acts as Broadway Boniface, tends to dozens of other business enterprises, is in widespread demand as referee of boxing bouts and attends almost as many worthy benefit shows as Bill Robinson.

JUSTIFIED IN RETIRING

"It seems to me that some people are prone to mind everybody's business but their own," Jack pointed out when I informed him of the national controversy now raging around the Brown Bomber's possible retirement.

"If he retires after the Nova fight . . . he certainly cannot do it before that fight because he would be accused of quitting under fire . . . the time will probably come, when with another champion on the throne, there will be a hue and cry for him to stage a comeback," Jack explained.

"However, I believe that Joe would be thoroughly justified in retiring after the Nova fight.

DEMONSTRATED SUPERIORITY

"He has done much for his race by his fine conduct in the prize ring.

"He has demonstrated beyond a doubt, his superiority over all his rivals.

"According to reports he has plenty of money to keep him in affluence for the rest of his life.

"If Joe Louis retires he should make it absolutely permanent. He should make it plain that under no circumstances would he attempt a comeback later in life, after a long period of idleness.

skill. This is inevitable.

"I know from personal experience that there comes a time in the life of every champion when the grueling grind of sustained training becomes tedious, to say the least.

"Louis has been quoted as saying that he intends to retire this year.

"I'll say that he has certainly earned the right to retire . . . with high honor."

HAS GAINED RESPECT OF ALL

Asked if he still felt the same about soft-voiced, modest Joe as he did during the last presidential campaign when he accused Louis of being "punch drunk," Dempsey reflected a moment, and continued:

"Please don't confuse political oratory with my judgement of the man and the fighter.

"The way Louis has conducted himself in public life, has endeared him to his people and gained the respect of all sports lovers, regardless of race, creed or color.

"He has done much to offset the errors of the only other colored man to hold the heavyweight championship of the world.

"As a matter of fact he is the idol of the colored race and has taken his place among the pugilistic great.

MUST LOSE SOME TIME

"I believe that the Negroes of America would hate to see Joe Louis beaten."

Drawing from his own experience as one of the most spectacular fighters ever to enter a ring, Jack voiced the opinion of millions of colored Americans when he pointed out:

"Nevertheless, no man can last forever in such a strenuous sport as professional boxing. The time is fast approaching when Louis will lose much of his power and

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Joe Louis' Thoroughbreds In "Dream" Horse Show

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NEW YORK—(SNS)— Some of New York's best known people, among them many prominent in social life, have instituted an "all out" campaign for the successful presentation of Gotham's first horse show, to be staged at the Speedway Gardens, the former Dyckman Oval where teams of the National Negro League once cavorted on the diamond for the edification of thousands of race baseball fans.

BROWN BOMBER ENTERED

The novel idea is being carried out by the newly organized Frogs Golf and Riding Club which has already established headquarters in the New York Urban League Building in Harlem. Communications receive from Johnny Roxborough, manager of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, indicates that this part of the country will most likely get a chance to view the thoroughbreds of the champ on exhibition, for the matter of the expense entail in bringing the houses to New York has been overcome and Joe's manager has been so advised this week.

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AUGUST 22 -24

Two of the country's most widely known charitable institutions will share in the proceeds of the venture which has been carded for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 22, 23, and 24, namely the New Day Nursery. If success crowns York Urban League and the Hope the efforts of those behind the affair it is proposed to make an annual event of the exhibition which will also present as special feature the horsemanship or some of the nation's best riders, both male and female.

GLAMOUR EVENT

With an eye at making the attempt one of the finest things of its kind preparations are under way for complete renovation of the grounds at the Speedway, with refreshment booths and other appurtenances appropriate on such occasion. Entries are expected from such far-distant points as Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, the Virginias and other sections where members of the group have already shown keen interest in the specially bred products of equine class.

Many of the pulchritudinous eqeustriennes who have graced shows at which some of the finest horseflesh, including that of champion Joe Louis, vieing in a display of form with equine society that should satisfy the most exacting. Coupled with the worthy cause that will benefit by its success, there is no reason why the affair should not turn out to be the class of social activity in the group in blase New York.

NOTED PATRONS

In the vanguard of the prominent names thus far listed on the steering and entry committees are such widely known personalities as Mrs Bessye J. Bearden, Mrs. Edna Lewis Thomas, of the Negro Actors Guild of America; Mrs. James S. Watson, wife of New York's popular Judge James S. Watson; Mrs. Helen C. Irwin, Dr. Mary Jane Watkins, Robert L. Douglas, J. C. Johnson, Dr. Clarence (Shag) Hogan, Dr. Sybil S. Anderson, Dr. C. C. Pettit, Dr. Perry Chaney, Margaret Cross Flatterson and Mrs. James H. Hubert.

The names signify an imposing list of patrons bound to add to the scores curious to see the world's interest already being evinced by heavyweight champion in a role other than that which he has become famous, to say nothing of the other features being planned by the members and those associated with the club putting on this big event.

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Norfolk, Virginia

Louis To Give $1,000 Prize In Golf Tourney

Detroit Meet To Draw Best Race Golfers

DETROIT, Mich.—The World's Heavyweight Champion himself will compete in the national golf tournament in Detroit, August 12, 13, 14. The meet has been called the "Joe Louis Nationals," because of the fact that the Brown Bomber has laid on the line the entire prize money of $1,000 and has also procured most of the elaborate trophies.

Louis, a keen golf enthusiast despite the fact that, to date, his best 18-hole successes have been in the nineties, originated the forthcoming tournament as a means of personally doing something to develop the game among representative Negro golfers.

TRICKY COURSE

To further lend his moral support to the effort to place Negro golf in the upper bracket of public interest, Louis is also competing in the annual United Golfers Association national tournament in Boston. Only a fortnight ago, Joe participated in the Eastern Open in Pittsburgh.

The Joe Louis Nationals in Detroit will be played over the tricky Rackham course. The links are laid out over 6,890 yards with a par of 71 for 18 holes.

LOUIS TAKES LESSONS

Clyde Martin, youthful professional, has been retained by Joe Louis as his personal tutor and is "sharpening up" the Brown Bomber's game for the Motor City extravaganza.

Martin has recently shot a two-under-par 69 over the tough course and also turned in a sensational 18-hole of 66 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, not so long ago.

The hot young pro thinks a score of something like 292 will carry away the 72-hole honors for the top prize of $500 cash. The other prizes are graduated into smaller sums, but all of the awards are far in excess of those that have been offered in any other colored meets.

With a half grand as the object of competition, the forthcoming Detroit meet is certain to be one of the most gruelling ever staged. They have a similar inducement—$1,000 in prize money—in Boston the week after the Joe Louis Nationals and, by that very fact itself, you may rest assured that there will be a flock of crack performers travelling on up the line from Detroit to Boston.

ATLANTA ENTRY

Atlanta, Georgia, the Gate City of the South, is sending a white-hot entry in Zeke Hartsfield, recent winner of the tough Southern Open over the New Lincoln links, when he outdid defending national Champion Hugh Smith of Thomaston, Ga., Edison Marshall from Indianapolis, Indiana, and a host of others.

Zeke may not win the Joe Louis Nationals. He may not place or show either. But he has been shooting the type of golf that will make the winner turn in sub-par figures to beat him. In fact, Hartsfield shot the amazing score of 262 over the 72-hole route in the recent Southern Open cracking the course par of 262 by two strokes and beating the former mark set by Hugh Smith (263 in 1938) by one stroke.

EIGHT UNDER PAR

Par for the nine holes at New Lincoln Country and Golf Club, where F. A. Toomer, Auditor of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company is president, and Arthur L. Miller, past national U. G. A. president, is an influential member, is 33, and, of course, the 18-hole standard is 66. But, believe it or not, the course has been shot in the astounding aggregate of 58, exactly eight under par.

No better example of what sort of competition you're running into when you enter the pro division of the Southern Open, held annually in Atlanta, can be presented than merely to remind the uninformed that New Lincoln has entered into competition an imposing array of past national champions, among them John Brooks Dendy, three-time winner; Howard Wheeler, two-time winner; and Solomon Hughes, Hugh Smith, and Edison Marshall, all of whom have won the national crown once.

Besides, New Lincoln dispatched the former national amateur champion, Alfred E. (Tup) Holmes, while Miss Mel Moye, one-time national women's champion, also signed out from the Gate City.

PERENNIAL WINNERS

Aside from their feat of winning the national title five times between them, Dendy and Wheeler each won the Southern Open twice, while, aside from his 1940 national crown Hugh Smith has thrice worn the Southern Open diadem.

The nation's pros will have to be mighty cautous when they tackle the tough Rackham course, because there are at least two exceptionally tricky holes—Nos. 1 and 18, and plenty of bad roughs and traps.

According to Martin, Joe Louis' tutor: "To keep your score down it is absolutely necessary that you keep on the fairway. That rough is at least six inches in height and it will prove a terrific handicap to anyone who gets off the fairway."

So, golfers beware; don't say we didn't give you the tip-off.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Has Entries In Horse Show

NEW YORK — (SNS)—World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will enter several of his fine thoroughbreds in the forthcoming "dream" horse show for charity at the National Speedway Gardens, formerly Dyckman Oval, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 22, 23, 24.

Among patrons of the affair are Atty. John Roxborough, one of the Brown Bomber's two managers. Charities benefitting from the proceeds are the National Urban League and the Hope Day Nursery.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS SQUARING OFF AT DETROIT YESTERDAY

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Abe Simon and Joe Louis after they weighed in for their championship battle

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Rematch Set for May 16 in Garden

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Abe, Down 4 Times, Survives Beating Until 1:20 of 13th

By ART CARTER
MAR 29 1941 AFRO Sports Editor

DETROIT, Mich.—Some day Jabbering Jimmy Joy Johnston, the little man with the black derby and big cigar, is going to beef his boy into the heavyweight championship. Ever since Louis has been champion, Johnston, popularly known as the "Toy Bandit," has been trying hard to do just that, and Friday night he pulled something of a minor miracle by Svengali-ing his Trilby, big Abe Simon, through 12 rounds and 1:20 seconds against Louis, much to the surprise of everyone.

Back in 1937, Johnston coached Bob Pastor through 10 rounds of backpedalling against Joe, had the same guy go 11 heats against the champion in 1939, and Friday night stunned fight followers by howling his Abraham, all 254½ pounds of him, through nearly thirteen rounds of bruising punishment administered by Louis.

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Fighters Rematched

Simon, with a 52-pound pull in weight, did plenty in the ring to frustrate the Brown Bomber in his quest for a knockout, and his surprise showing earned him another shot at Joe's title. The rematch was announced by Mike Jacobs two hours after the fight and set for May 16 in Madison Square Garden, New York, over the 15-round distance.

But Johnston's jives, Johnston's howls of "jab, jab jab," and the little man's incessant chatter were the guiding spirits behind Simon's stand. And even at the end of the bout, when Ambling Abe was gripping the upper strand of the ropes in his own corner and groping about with his face smeared with blood, while Louis stalked him with both gloved fists poised for the kill, Johnston's seconds tossed water from the ringside in a desperate effort to restore the senses to the beaten battler before it was too late.

Is Joe Slipping?

Whether or not Simon's bold bid for the title was the result of his ability or an indication of "a slight case of slipping" by Louis will be decided on May 16. The 19,908 fans who paid a gross of $56,605.10 to see Friday's scrap differed sharply on this point.

Some say Joe has "slipped" and others contend that Simon was too big a foe for the champion to waste punches trying for a kayo. Time will tell.

At any rate, Louis was fighting a fellow who had a weight advantage of 52 pounds and a seven-inch longer reach, which is a huge advantage. Besides, Simon demonstrated time and again that he knew how to use that margin in weight, by leaning on Joe at every opportunity and making every effort to tire Louis with the trick—another of Johnston's ideas.

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Upsets Dope

Simon, picked to lose in an early round, responded to Johnston's magnetic power magnificently. The giant Jewish challenger let Joe's blows bounce off his huge hulk in true tank fashion, and kept the champion at a respectable distance with a snaky left jab that thumped a "shiner" under the champion's left eye and made him don the dark glasses the next day.

Pre-fight publicity bellowed that Abe had never been knocked off his feet, but Louis accomplished the task with the first punch he landed. Joe connected with a straight right with the fight but 50 seconds old and Simon went down, but only for a count of one.

Four times during the fight Abe was on the floor and once he was belted half way through the ropes. What amazed fans, however, was that he was still on his feet at the end, though staggering helplessly, hopelessly about the ropes and dripping blood from deep gashes above both brows, and cuts on the nose and mouth like a wet sponge.

Stops Fight

Referee Sam Hennessey, who was overworked pushing the mammoth challenger off Louis most of the night, saw Simon's well of endurance had been drained dry and stopped the scrap. The challenger's seconds threw water from the ringside, in an illegal effort to revive the senses of Abe before it was stopped, but no soap.

Later, Simon wanted to know, "Why did he stop it?" but Abe was only talking for publication, because even then his tortured face showed plainly that he had had enough.

Louis said that "he was a tough man" and rated the big Jewish battler a better boxer than ponderous Primo Carnera of Italy, former heavyweight champion, whom Joe beat in six heats in 1935.

"I knew I was in for trouble when I saw him get up that first time, because I really smacked him good," Joe said.

Down 4 Times

Simon was down for a nine count in the third round and took two nine couts in the thirteenth before the referee intervened, and in the seventh was knocked halfway through the ropes, but miraculously rallied and was actually carrying the fight to Louis near the bell. MAR 29 1941

On the AFRO score sheet, Louis won all but four rounds. Simon took the second and tenth, and gained an even break in the sixth and eighth.

Louis absorbed more punishment than in any bout since he was knocked out by Max Schmeling before winning the title. Besides the "shiner," Joe had a slight cut over his left eye and a scratch on his lower lip. The old scar from the Gus Dorazio fight was still over his right eye, but had not been reopened.

Musto Next

Before tackling Simon again, Louis is slated to take on Tony Musto in St. Louis, Mo., on April 8, which will be his fifth fight since December.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Joe Louis Stops Abe Simon in 13th Round in Detroit

Detroit, Mich., March 21 [Special]. —Joe Louis, the former Golden Gloves champion, successfully defended his world heavyweight championship for the 15th time tonight when he stopped gigantic Abe Simon of Richmond Hill, N. Y., in the 13th round of a scheduled 20 round battle in the Olympia.

A crowd estimated at 14,000 jammed every inch of the hall to watch Louis, a hometown boy, bounce punches off the huge frame of his adversary.

FIRST ROUND.

Louis hooked a left to the ear then jabbed another to the cheek and Simon was short with two jabs. Abe bounced a hook off Louis' eye. Louis floored Abe with a right but the easterner was up with no count. The champion bounced a left and right off Abe's chin and Abe staggered. In a half clinch Joe crossed to the head and took a left to the body from the giant. They stood in midring a few moments swinging wildly. Then Abe backed Louis into the ropes at the bell.

SECOND ROUND.

Simon dug three lefts into the body as he backed Joe into a neutral corner but Joe ripped a left to the stomach. Abe's left jab snapped Joe's head back then Simon scored twice with a left jab. Simon jabbed three times to the face without a return. Louis smashed two solid rights to Abe's jaw. Joe hooked a hard left to the head at the bell.

THIRD ROUND.

Louis was doing a better job of picking off Abe's left in this round. Joe landed a left to Abe's nose and took two in return. A right hand floored Abe near a neutral corner and he took a nine count. The champion rushed in throwing both hands to the head. Simon stuck his left into Joe's face and held momentarily. Louis smashed Abe with two solid rights to the chin and followed with two more to the chin but the giant took them standing up at the bell.

FOURTH ROUND.

Louis hooked a left to the nose and took a jab high on the head in return. Joe stuck his left three times in Abe's face but Simon jabbed twice to the face in return. Louis landed a sizzling hook on the ear and then dug his left into Abe's ample body. Louis was stalking Abe in this round obviously trying for the kill. In a half clinch Louis hooked a left to the head nd Abe threw a left to the body. Joe landed a right on the challenger's chin at the bell.

FIFTH ROUND.

They spent several seconds trading jabs and then Joe fired two rights and a left to the head. Louis fired another right to the jaw and Abe went into a clinch. The champion landed two hard lefts to the head, but Simon hooked right back. Enraged, Louis smashed Abe full on the mouth with a right. Abe flicked Joe's face three times with his left at the bell.

SIXTH ROUND.

Abe stuck that same straight left into Joe's face twice as the round opened. Louis hooked a hard left to the jaw, then fired a smashing left to the body and a right to the head. Joe half slipped in Abe's corner as the latter dug a right into the body but Joe banged a right high on the head. Abe flicked a half dozen times with his left but took a hard left to the jaw in return. Still relying on his left Simon stabbed three times to the face at the bell.

SEVENTH ROUND.

After a half minute, Joe leaped in with a left hook that staggered Abe. A left, a right, and another left had Abe hanging on and a hard left hook pushed him thru the robes. Simon came back and they slugged in the center of the ring. Joe shook his foe with two terrific rights. Then a left hand caught Abe on the face and he fell into a clinch. Another right cut Abe's left eye, but still he walked in jabbing with his left at the bell.

EIGHTH ROUND.

Abe connected three times with his left jab and Joe's left eye started to swell. Joe was wasting no punches and only threw a blow when he had an open shot. The champion bounced a right off Abe's ear, but the latter stuck his left into Joe's body. Joe connected with a left hook and then a solid right, but Abe jabbed twice to the nose and then threw two lefts to the head. Simon backed off and poked four more times with his left as the bell rang.

NINTH ROUND.

Abe continued to jab Louis' left eye. Joe hooked hard with his left to Simon's head, then sent two lefts to the mouth, but Abe, undaunted, dug his right into the body. Joe jabbed three times with his left as his foe backed away, but Abe replied with two of the same. They poked each other with straight lefts at the bell.

TENTH ROUND.

Joe's eye appeared to be half closed from Simon's insistent left jabs. Abe drove a left and a right to the body and took a hard right to the head. They circled the ring for several seconds with no punches thrown, then Simon threw a left that landed on Joe's trunks. Abe sent the champion's head back with a straight left, but Louis connected with a left hook to the head at the bell.

ELEVENTH ROUND.

Both rushed out with straight lefts to the face as the round opened. Abe threw a left to the body. Then another and Joe retaliated with a right to the body. Louis hurt his opponent with a hard left but still Abe stuck his left in Joe's face time after time. Abe again dug with his left and took a right to the head for his trouble. The champion hooked hard to Abe's ear and Simon held on momentarily at the bell.

TWELFTH ROUND.

Simon threw a right to the ear as Joe dug both hands into the body. Joe hooked a hard left to the head and Abe did the same. Louis then caught Abe near the ropes and smashed him half way to the floor but Simon came right back to trade punches. Joe bounced two smashing rights off Abe's jaw and then followed with a third but still Simon stood up. They traded left hooks at the bell.

THIRTEENTH ROUND.

Again Abe landed the first punch. A right hand to the chin floored Simon for a count of nine. Louis rushed in throwing both hands and Simon was hurt. Two right hand wallops floored Simon near his corner for a nine count. Again Joe rushed in and threw punches, landing at will. Abe was helpless and staggered blindly into the ropes. The referee stepped in and awarded Louis a technical knockout, at one minute and 20 seconds of the round.

Louis scaled 202 pounds this afternoon with his shoes on, slightly less than his most recent engagements, but highly satisfactory to his handlers. He was spotting Simon 52½ pounds.

Nick Castiglione, Chicago lightweight, flattened Tony Sarullo of Philadelphia in the second round of a scheduled eight rounder. Castiglione, who weighed 138 to Sarullo's 137, was dropped for no count himself in the first round, then floored the Philadelphian for an eight count in the same round before putting him away for keeps in the second.

Louis Plans Fighting at

Boxing Often to Get Cash Reserve

By LESTER BROMBERG.

Joe Louis, who knows his own mind nowadays, is driving himself through the most intensive fighting year of his career as a headliner for three reasons, which are in order of their importance:

1. He will retire in the fall and, since his earning power will be cut off, wants to lay his hands on an additional $250,000 that will serve as insurance against possible reverses in the operation of his 475-acre farm near Detroit.

2. He is ready to join the draft soldiers and is determined to have his boxing career a closed chapter when he enters the service.

3. He realizes, from a racial angle, he can best perform the role of a model to Negro youth by quitting while at a peak, a la Gene Tunney.

These are facts the writer gleaned in Detroit, where last Friday Louis lifted his "stretch-run" earnings to $75,000 by picking up more than $19,000 for his 13-round knockout of Abe Simon, whose showing earned him a rematch May 16 in Madison Square Garden.

Since late last fall, when Louis informed Promoter Mike Jacobs of his intentions, the heavyweight champion has drawn $229,000 gross in four fights in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and his home city. His price always being 40 per cent, it's no job to discover how much he and his managers, John Roxborough and Julian Black, netted.

Faces Lucrative Outdoor Matches.

Joe can earn at least $150,000 more by continuing his fight-a-month schedule through September, because outdoor shots will bring bigger money. He definitely is booked for two indoor dates and two open-air shows.

In the St. Louis indoor arena April 8 with Tony Musto the gate won't be under $40,000. The Simon return in the Garden should do $80,000. The Billy Conn fight can gross $150,000 if staged at Yankee Stadium June 19 or 26, but if switched to Pittsburgh, which is highly possible since it comes perilously soon after the Simon scrap, the receipts might top $200,000.

If Bob Pastor repeats his victory over Turkey Thompson in Los Angeles—and an encore is planned by Tom Gallery, Jacobs' Coast agent, for late April—the New Yorker's third clash with Louis will be a $100,000 proposition. This match is scheduled July 21 in Los Angeles.

Another if: If Buddy Baer puts the slug on Tony Galento in Uline Stadium, Washington, D. C., on April 8, he'll pave the way for an August stop in the champion's tour in Griffith Stadium that would do better than $125,000.

Then there's the toughest fight in the whole parcel and most likely the largest money maker, a September battle with the winner of the Lou Nova-Max Baer tiff in the Garden a week from Friday. Joe would prefer to finish where he started, in Detroit, but either in Briggs Stadium or Yankee Stadium it would gross $300,000, possibly more.

Should Louis follow this program without deviation he will retire with a record unparalleled, a heavyweight champion who defended his title 21 times before tossing it to the other boys. Tunney made only one defense, against Tom Heeney. Jack Dempsey lost his crown to Gene in his sixth start as champion.

Barring injury, Joe is perfectly capable of whipping all foes he is given. As shown in the Simon fight, he will be troubled by anyone who moves, upright or crouching, and anyone who uses a left intelligently.

If that opponent can assimilate punishment the way Simon did he'll stick around a long while. But Louis eventually will wear him down or take a decision.

Louis-Nova 'Rickard Bout,' Says Kearns

BY LESTER BROMBERG
New York World-Telegram Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—When Joe Louis defends his heavyweight crown for the 19th time on the 19th day of September against Lou Nova at Yankee Stadium there will be a fight that would have been right down Tex Rickard's alley, according to Jack Kearns.

Kearns doesn't intend his observation concerning Rickard to be regarded as even an inferential knock at Mike Jacobs. Jack respects Mike for the way he spread his wings since the days when Kearns was in a position to do him favors. But looking forward to Mike's next big show, Kearns can't help looking back to Rickard, the man who created the biggest fights.

Said Kearns: "Rickard would have loved this match. I can see exactly what would have sold him on it . . . Nova being from out of his own country, the Far West. . . . Nova being so big and so game. . . . And then Nova being in there with Louis, a terrific hitter who's still dangerous no matter how far he has slipped past his peak."

Jack admits freely that Rickard would have set up the fight differently. "But times were different, too," he reminds.

"For one thing Rickard wouldn't have had Louis, the champion, meeting an opponent of Nova's importance in his seventh fight of the year. Louis would have been idle since the preceding Summer. Or maybe he'd be fighting for the first time in two years. Tex liked to be sure the public never got tired of seeing his champions."

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Washington, D. C.

This Morning

With Shirley Povich

Wait a minute. Billy Conn wasn't supposed to have a chance against Joe Louis when the match was first suggested six months ago. Downright amazing is the fact that today the champion is scarcely better than a 5-to-2 shot in the odds on tonight's fight. The surge of support for Conn borders on the phenomenal.

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Originally, Conn was acceptable as a challenger only because there wasn't a heavyweight on the fistic horizon who seemed to belong in the same ring with Louis. Promoter Mike Jacobs, desperate to schedule an outdoor match, before Louis was drafted into the army, swallowed his misgivings and gave the bout to Conn. But he was weakening as late as March when Lou Nova emerged as a knockout winner over Max Baer.

Nova, who had been knocked out by Tony Galento, appeared to be a more logical challenger than Conn, and Jacobs hinted as much when he declared that a Louis-Conn fight was not yet a certainty. He indicated he was ready to shelve Conn, because the match had no great appeal. Conn is the fellow, then, who has suddenly burgeoned as a serious threat to Louis' title at this time.

Nothing that Conn has accomplished has been any factor in lowering the odds against him. All of the doubt that he can beat Conn has been engendered by Louis himself. When Abe Simon lasted 13 rounds with him, and Tony Musto lasted nine, and Buddy Baer knocked him down for a six-count, Louis lost stature. Folks were ready to believe that he is slipping. The Conn fight suddenly took on new importance. Conn was being given a bright chance.

I wouldn't say Louis has slipped. Against Simon and Musto his title was never in danger. He was always far ahead on points, and had no reason to risk battering his hands on those thick skulls. His fists are too valuable. Against Baer, in Washington, there was no evidence, either, that the champion had retreated along the fistic trail despite the fact he was knocked down.

Louis has been knocked down more times than any heavyweight champion in history, in fact. Max Schmeling had him on the floor several times. Jimmy Braddock put him down with a right uppercut the night he lost the title to Louis in Chicago in 1937. Tony Galento had him on the floor, and so did Buddy Baer, of course. The trick is to keep Louis down.

Joe's ability to clamber out of the resin would seem to testify to his greatness, and against Baer at Griffith Stadium that night I thought he was a better fighter than on any night save the one in which he butchered Schmeling in 2 minutes and 40 seconds. He took that punch by Baer, climbed back in the ring, and all but murdered Buddy Boy who incidentally was probably the bravest guy who ever fought Louis.

Conn is supposed to outbox Louis tonight, but that also is something of a trick. Nobody ever accused Louis of being any dolt in there. Before he became champion and thus became fair game for the critics who searched for flaws, Louis was supposed to be quite a fancy boxer, himself. He has certainly picked up some ring lore in the four years since he won the title, and there is no evidence that he has lost any of his speed. A clean liver, Louis is still only 27. Jack Dempsey always claimed that the normal fighter was best at 28.

Since he became champion, Louis has never been in there with any man who was supposed to outbox him, unless it was John Henry Lewis. All of John Henry's skill couldn't save him from a quick knockout. Louis' own boxing skill has never been thoroughly tested, because he never had to resort to boxing. He simply stalked his man and, sooner or later, tagged him out in most cases.

Louis has been flustered, on occasion. He didn't know how to deal with Arturo Godoy's crouch, and Godoy lasted 15 rounds. Galento a few months later used the same crouch and got himself knocked out. Against Conn, Louis does not figure to get hurt. Conn doesn't hit that way. Louis will be in there against a fellow who is giving him a 25-pound weight advantage. That certainly is no drawback to Louis' chances of retaining his title.

Conn never before has been asked to take the sort of a punch that Louis can fire. A middleweight, Fred Apostoli, had Conn in distress not so far back, in a furious punching exchange. When Louis tags Conn, it will be no middleweight's punch. He will have been hit by one of the finest punchers in heavyweight history. I think that sometime during tonight's affair Louis will tag Conn and tag him out.

Louis Not 'Washed Up,' Nova and Manager State

By JACK CUDDY

NEWARK, N. Y., July 29.—(UP)—Virtually everyone in the fight game concedes that Joe Louis is slipping, with the exception of Challenger Lou Nova and his Manager Ray Carlen.

Carlen, here with the Jacobs' beach crowd for the Zivic-Cochrane welterweight title fight, declared Tuesday, "Nova and I are not sold at all on the reports about Louis being on the toboggan."

This was a startling statement, indeed, coming from the pilot of a fighter who is slated to battle Louis for the world heavyweight crown in September. It struck at the very foundation of that ancient order: "Mentors of maul," whose members always are supposed to refer to an opponent as a "bum" and to explain in a few thousand words just why he is a "bum."

An astonished reporter, scarcely believing his ears, ejaculated, "Why, Mr. Carlen! Didn't you see the story out of Detroit, just the other day, in which Louis admitted he was slipping? He says so himself."

Carlen retorted acidly, "Sure I saw the story. I guess it was given out for effect. But I'm not taking any stock in it, and neither is Nova. Louis can fight now just as good as he ever did. He and his pals aren't pulling the wool over our eyes. Nova is training to meet a Louis who'll be at his peak."

The reporter insisted, "But Louis has lost his punch. Everybody who saw him in his last seven fights knows that."

Carlen said, "That's the bunk. They didn't say he had lost his punch when Jack Krantz, Adolph Wiater, Patsy Perroni, Natie Brown, Bob Bastor, Tommy Farr and Arturo Godoy lasted their distances with him—did they? Well—why are they saying it now, when he has knocked out his last seven opponents."

The slender, sharp-eyed pilot in the tan gabardine suit was warmed up now. He continued, "Besides, Louis is only 27 years old. He should be just about at his peak for a heavyweight. He's big, strong, healthy fellow. His shuffling style is the kind that doesn't burn a man out quickly. He's had only 54 professional bouts, but he's been busy enough to keep in good shape —no three-year lay-offs like Dempsey."

Carlen next emphasized an important point. He stressed that when a fighter begins to slip, his legs go first—not his punch. The dynamite lingers on even when his pins can't carry the mail.

The reporter interrupted, "But what about Maxie Baer when he dropped his title to Jim Braddock? Maxie had lost his punch."

Carlen grinned and said, "Maxie had lost everything for that fight—through dissipation. But Louis is no playboy like Baer was in those days. At least I don't believe he is. Joe has the reputation of being a clean-living athlete."

The puzzled sports writer said, "Carlen, you should be working for Louis. You're certainly building up a good case for him. You must figure he's a great fighter."

"You're wrong there!" Carlen flung back. "I don't consider Louis a great fighter and neither does Nova. He's just a fair heavyweight who's been lucky enough to go a long ways without having to meet a good all-round fighter—one who's tough, and can box and can punch. The best all-round fighter Louis ever met was Jim Braddock, but he got the Irishman when he was completely washed-up. Even then Braddock had him on the floor in the first round. Remember this—Louis can't box and he can't take it. He never could. And his punch always has been overrated. He never saw the day when he could lick a fighter like Nova—an all-round man, a real heavyweight who combines youth, skill, punch, ruggedness and poundage, and who's as game as a pit bull.

"No sir, Louis isn't slipping, and he won't be slipping on that big night in September. He'll be lying there flat on his back, with the referee counting over him."

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Bomber, Nova Bout Now Set September 29

Louis Gets 10-Day Postponement; Polo Grounds Is Site.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—(AP)—At the request of Joe Louis' managers, Promoter Mike Jacobs today postponed the heavyweight champion's title fight with Lou Nova from September 19 at the Yankee stadium to September 29 at the Polo Grounds.

Julian Black and John Roxborough, managers of the heavyweight king, said they didn't believe Louis could get in shape by the date originally set and asked for a two-week postponement. Jacobs, however, refused to permit that much time for fear the fight would conflict with the World Series, in which the Yankees are expected to represent the American League. The site was shifted to the home of the Giants for the same reason.

Louis originally asked for the postponement last Wednesday, telling Jacobs he could not be in perfect physical condition by September 19. He even threatened to refuse to go through with the fight if Jacobs declined to postpone the bout.

Jacobs made a hurried trip to Detroit to straighten matters out, and today consulted here with Joe's two managers who agreed to the ten-day postponement.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

LOUIS TO FACE TOUGHEST FOES

Nova and Conn Present Conflicting Styles For Champ

By Abe Newman

Joe Louis on the eve of a possible retirement is in the unique position of facing two of the best opponents up to date in his brilliant seven-year career.

Lou Nova, the young Californian who flattened Max Baer twice, looms as the hardiest foe yet tested by the Louis brand of leather dynamite. Following Nova's all out effort to win heavyweight titular honors, the sizzling Billy Conn steps in again with the Detroit Bomber for their big money return battle. This is dependent upon a Louis victory over Nova.

Nova and Conn are the last topnotchers in the dreadnought division to rate a chance with the still dangerous and classy champ. Joe's retirement should be automatic, due to lack of competition, should he wage war successfully against Lou and Billy.

The big question agitating the fight fans is whether or not Louis has enough left to clear the Nova-Conn hurdl. There is no controversy on the respected merits of both Louis challengers and better than anyone else Joe knows that he is in for stormy weather when the bell calls him into combat. The great Negro kingpin can be depended on to be in his usual excellent shape to defend his long-held heavyweight laurels when the big moment arrives.

Nova and Conn present two contrasting styles of boxing for Joe to solve. The big coast heavy is a fair boxer and a good puncher, with powerful recuperative powers that give him a chance against any man. His obvious handicap is a bull-headed inability to pace himself over the fifteen round route. Lou can be made to fight the other guy's fight. His joy in slugging it out with boys who are stiffer punchers will prove fatal should he forget himself on this major point when he meets Joe.

Conn, one of the marvelous boxers of all time, can't match the Nova ability to take punishment, but is Lou's superior in skill and ring savvy. Billy's outstanding weakness is a juvenile contempt for the damage a hard punching opponent is capable of inflicting. This youthful bravado cost him the title in his recent brilliant contest with Louis.

Minus the recklessness characterizing his usual style of milling, Conn figures to be much tougher for Louis than does Nova. The Pittsburgh boy's dazzling speed afoot cannot be matched by the slower footed Nova and this superiority counts heavily in rating heavyweights.

Joe May Be Slipping, but His Punch Still Makes Him Choice

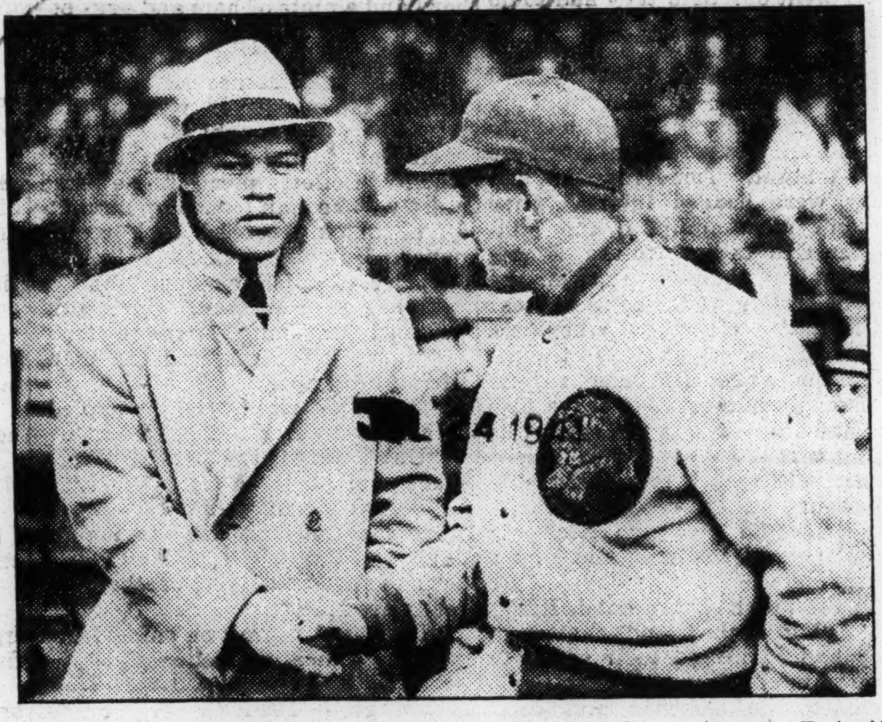
There is no graph to chart the extent to which Joe Louis has hit the toboggan. That Joe has slipped cannot be disputed. The answer to how much will be given by his performance come Conn-Nova. The fact remains, however, that a terrific puncher is always a threat as long as he can still move his arms. It does not matter that Louis is not the invincible of five years ago. He punches hard enough to stop a foe with one wallop and this advantage must be reckoned with in analyzing his chances.

There is real dough laid on the line for Louis in meeting Conn and Nova. The Conn return can't miss a million dollar gate. Nova on the strength of a real chance against Joe should help the gate for this one tops any Louis bout to date. This money incentive figures to bring up a very sharp champion to cash in on his two biggest financial returns.

Louis seems interested in retiring. He wants to quit undefeated. In pointing towards this goal the champ's campaign planned by the smart Jack Blackburn will show some new and subtle wrinkles. This fact added to the arsenal of a still great fighter makes Joe Louis a different nut for Conn-Nova to crack than the usual "washed-up champ" in his twilight cashing in on a reputation.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Still For Detroiters



Joe Louis lets Manager Del Baker know he's a staunch Detroit backer in victory or defeat. The Tigers are just about out of the 1941 race, but, in the scene above, the Brown Bomber is shown personally congratulating the pilot of the Tigers on the fine job he is doing against almost discouraging odds.

Louis, now in the midst of his golf, will soon be ready to resume training camp chores for the Lou Nova title match in September. The formal date and place of the fight has yet to be announced by Mike Jacobs.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHAMP'S WIFE SEEKS QUIET SETTLEMENT IN DIVORCE ACTION

CHICAGO, July 24—(ANP)—Optimism among friends of Joe and Marva Louis who anticipated a reconciliation was washed away Wednesday when the Brown Bomber inserted a personal advertisement in the Chicago Herald American disclaiming all responsibility for debts not incurred by himself.

Mrs. Louis, taken by surprise, indicated she would not fight Joe in court, and stated a settlement would be reached with her husband before a decree would be sought.

After previously intimating that the champion's long absences from home and failure to be attentive as a good husband should was really back of her suit, she changed her mind last week and said that had nothing to do with her action. In her petition she alleged Joe was cruel and had twice struck her.

William Temple, attorney for the titleholder, said he inserted the advertisement at Joe's request.

Although Mrs. Louis has publicly stated she hoped for a reconciliation, intimates believe Joe is willing to go through with a divorce despite the belief of Julian Black and other members of the champion's officia family that they should agree to try married life again.

Globe and Independent
Nashville, Tenn.

Marva's Fashion Show Said Cause Of Marital Rift

She Kept the Profits and Sent Him the Bills, Joe Louis Reveals

DETROIT, Mich.—The beginning of the marital troubles between Champion Joe Louis and his wife traces back to a fashion show that Marva engaged in, the Champion told friends here last week. Louis said he had no knowledge of his wife touring the country with the fashion show until a manager of one of the shows who said that Marva hired him, started a lawsuit against Joe. The Champion charges his wife kept whatever profits she made on the fashion show and sent the bills of the venture to him to be paid.

As to that matter which the daily press made so much about—the alleged blows which the champion struck his wife—Joe said that on January 2 and April 19, the dates when his wife said the blows were struck, he was in Detroit and Marva on those dates was in Chicago.

Mrs. Lillie Brooks, mother of Joe Louis, who lives here, was surprised that Marva had filed suit against her famous son. She stated that Mrs. Louis was visiting her the day before the divorce announcement was made but said nothing about it. Mrs. Brooks likes Marva, and says she seemed to have a sweet disposition.

Letters and telegrams are pouring into the Champion from fans in all parts of the country, Mrs. Brooks stated, and there is sharp criticism of Mrs. Louis, stating that they could not see how she could be so ungrateful.

Mrs. Brooks seemed not to be worried about the divorce suit, but deeply interested in a financial rally which she is sponsoring at the Calvary Baptist Church of which she is a loyal member.

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Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Marva Says Bomber Cruel Outside Ring; Cites Two Assaults

CHICAGO (Special).—Marva and Joe have decided to call it a day! The fact became known Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Marva Trotter Barrow, the former doctor's assistant who was skyrocketed to national prominence by her marriage to the heavyweight boxing sensation in 1935, filed suit for divorce in Circuit Court here, charging cruelty.

Represented by Attorney Sidney P. Brown, Mrs. Barrow in her petition charged that the world's heavyweight champion attacked her on two occasions this year, once in January, when he struck her, and again in April when he intentionally stepped on her ankle. Attorney William H. Temple, speaking for the Brown Bomber, said he had not been instructed by the champion to contest the action.

The Barrows (Louis' correct name is Joseph Louis Barrow) were married in New York City September 24, 1935, a few hours before Louis fought Maxie Baer in Yankee Stadium. They separated in April this year.

While no action on the merits of the suit is expected to be taken until next Fall, it is quite likely Mrs. Barrow will ask the court to grant temporary alimony and solicitor's fees. The petition asks that Mrs. Barrow be allowed to resume her maiden name. She also asks provision for her support. She further stated that the champion owns property in Chicago, Detroit and Wayne County, Mich., valued at $400,000, and that his personal funds, investments and cash amount to another $400,000. The petition said the champ's annual income from his heavyweight title defense was set at $250,000.

Louis, who won the title from Jimmy Braddock at Comiskey Park here June 22, 1937, has been reported estranged from his wife for quite some time. Both, however, have consistently denied there was any rift. Close friends, on the other hand, have insisted that the couple have remained together merely for the sake of Louis' career. Now that the champion is about ready to retire, it is believed they decided it was no longer necessary to keep on making believe.

Sues Champion

MARVA TROTTER BARROW
(Tired of Making Believe)

While Louis has always maintained respectful silence whenever he has been questioned about his marital affairs, some of his New York associates have been more [illegible]. It has been strongly rumored for the past year that at least three Harlem girls, one a chorus girl, another a cigarette girl, and the third a member of a band, have boasted they are going to marry the champion before 1941 ends.

The Louises have an elaborate apartment on Michigan Boulevard here, but the champion has divided his time about equally between New York and Detroit, spending only a few months out of the year here. Mrs. Louis' sister, [illegible] ([illegible] was five), live in the home here as a companion. Mrs. Louis was guest model several weeks ago at a fashion show sponsored by the Star-News at the Renaissance Casino.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

LOUIS FINDS HIMSELF 'SLIPPING' AS FIGHTER

Conn Bout Proved to Champion He Has Gone Back Far

DETROIT, July 4 (UP).—Joe Louis, by his own admission, is "slipping."

"I ain't near the fighter I use to be," the heavyweight boxing champion asserted between rounds of golf at the Rackham municipal course.

"I guess I'se slipped pretty far. Won't know how far until my next fight with Lou Nova in September," he continued. "If I find then I'se slipped too far, I'll give it all up. Ain't no use goin' on—just to get punched around."

What made Louis think he had gone back so far?

"Why," he answered, "what happened in the (Billy) Conn fight. I have him in the third round and again in the tifth but I can't finish him. I knew then tha I'se slipped. Chappie (Jack Blackburn, his trainer) kept telling me that no little fellow should beat me, especially no little fellow who was twenty-five pounds lighter than me.

"But I can't stop him till the thirteenth round. Then I think it was Conn who beat hisself. He fight hisself out in the twelfth, and then I finish him in the thirteenth."

What did he really think caused him to slip so far?

"Dunno for sure," he said. "Guess it was a couple of things. I been working too hard. I been in training since Nov. 13 and ain't had but one little vacation of two weeks between fights.

"I guess my training for Buddy Baer in Washington helped some, too. The building I trained in had a tin roof. It was awful hot there. I noticed that in my sparring I was getting tired after two rounds. Figured it was the heat that done it.

"Anyhow, I know I ain't as good a fighter as I used to be."

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Urges Louis to Stay Out of Washington

Dear Sports Editor:

Now that the controversal smoke of the "battle of Washington" has cleared away and the District of Columbia Boxing Commission has officially upheld Referee Arthur Donovan's decision awarding the heavyweight title fight to Joe Louis, it might be well for Louis's handlers to think twice before again agreeing to lay the champion's title on the line in a Washington, D.C. setting.

The action of Referee Donovan in disqualifying Baer and awarding the fight to Louis, as he explained, the rules under the circumstances justified, has been seized upon by some of the Washington sports writers as legitimate license to unleash all their pent up personal prejudice and partiality.

If the rabid and bitter expressions contained in their sports columns are a criterion of the type of sportsmanship and fair play this particular group can be expected to advocate and give public expression, Joe Louis and his handlers might make no mistake by steering clear of any future fistic encounter in the nation's capital.

We, as a race, think that the conduct of both Joe Louis and his handlers has been entirely above reproach and in view of the fact that he has now for the seventeenth time willingly met all comers in defense of his title, there is neither cause nor excuse for any demands that he be arbitrarily stripped of the heavyweight title without respect to any demonstrated proof of boxing superiority.

With Joe Louis as the attraction, Washington sports writers would do well to bear in mind that a large mixed audience of probably more colored than white people will be in attendance and observations on their part tending to foster racial animosity can conceivably be construed as an unnecessarily dangerous practice.

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Washington, D.C.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

"Ain't No Use".

Two milestones were passed in Joe Louis' life last week. Not only did his wife file suit for divorce, but he admitted the truth of rumors that he is likely to retire at the end of this year. "I ain't near the fighter I use to be," he told a newshawk after a round of golf at Detroit's Rackham golf course. "I guess I'se slipped pretty far. Won't know how far until my next fight with Lou Nova in September. If I find then I'se slipped too far, I'll give it all up. Ain't no use goin' on—just to get punched around."

In seven years of professional boxing, Louis has earned close to $2,000,000 in purses (split 50-50 with his managers, after deducting training expenses). He owns $400,000 worth of real estate in Detroit and Chicago, has a $250,000 annuity, and has set up his kinfolk in various business enterprises. When he finally quits the ring, the Champ will retire to his 800-acre dude farm outside Detroit—"a place for my people"—which he hopes to turn into a profitable resort.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Race Must Be Prepared For Joe's Defeat

By WILLIAM G. NUNN

Can NEGRO AMERICANS "take it?"

Frankly, I don't believe they can.

And if they can't take it, I'm preparing them right now for something which might happen at any time.

Joe Louis is still heavyweight champion of the world!

To this writer's way of thinking, he's the greatest heavyweight champion the game has ever known . . . certainly, in carrying his golden crown to the fistic wars eighteen times, he's established a record as a fighting champion which we doubt will ever be equalled.

On Wednesday night, June 18, in the tense, strained atmosphere of New York's Polo Grounds . . in the comments of hundreds of people with whom we've talked since then . . and in the light of the emotionalism which is so much a part of our group, the writer sensed a "danger signal" . . a sign of the times which is apt to have repercussions of international import.

To 13,000,000 NEGRO-AMERICANS, I want to say this—and I can't make it too strong! If Joe Louis continues to fight, some of these evenings he'll leave the ring as SECOND-BEST. In short, he's going to be beaten.

And when he does, Negro America should take his defeat in stride . . they should feel about him in defeat as they have about him in victory.

We've had our chance to shout and yell . . to stage parades and go into hysterical demonstrations. We've had the chance, and we've gone overboard in doing so.

A GREAT SYMBOL

We've hailed Joe Louis as a great symbol. To us he represented the ultimate in achievement. Physical prowess has always had its lure . . its color . . its glamour. And the heavyweight crown symbolic of the last word in physical perfection has lifted an entire race out of the slough of inferiority, and given to them a sense of self-importance. Sure, we've looked at Joe's victories as something which affected us directly.

In our enthusiasm, we've placed a responsibility upon the shoulders of this young man . . a far greater responsibility than most of us would be willing to accept. We've built out of the mists a "superfighter" . . a man who just couldn't be beaten. We've been so selfish in the perpetuation of an ideal which few of us would be willing to live up to, that it's an eternal wonder to me how Joe has done so.

But if Joe keeps on fighting (and fighting is his business) there's a day of reckoning due. Perhaps it'll be in September; perhaps it'll be next year . . and then again, Joe might decide to retire as undefeated heavyweight king.

But let's go back to the night of June 18 . . Louis vs. Conn . . and allow me to tell you of the crowd re-action.

HAVE BEEN FAIR

Remember this, White America has been grand to Joe. They've made him a millionaire. They've been for him . . they've admired him for a clean-cut young American, representing the very finest in powerful young manhood. They've cheered for him, and they've rooted for him. Very few times has it been the lot of Joe Louis to hear the booes of the crowd . . the baying of the wolf-pack at his heels.

This is as it should be! That's what you'll say too. But Joe Louis, who has probably been the greatest asset the fight game has ever known . . he's met 'em all and whipped them cleanly . . has been that kind of a champion.

Clean, game, courageous! No boasting, no bragging! He doesn't say much, but what he does say is the RIGHT THING! He gives every vanquished foe his just deserts.

But on this Wednesday night,—another youth—Irish, handsome, game, colorful, fearless . . put up a grand and glorious fight. And when this game-cock Irisher started to the wars, he gave a crowd of 55,000, it's first big chance in four long years, to do any sustained yelling. Sure, they took advantage of it.

Negro America . . those at ringside and those with their ears glued to radios in every town, village, hamlet, metropolis in the country . . suddenly had 13,000,000 cases of heart trouble.

Why? Because their idol was being dethroned . . or so they believed. To me, I'm happy that Joe won as he did. Did it in the only way he knows how. He left nothing to fate nor chance. Conn went the way of all human flesh.

And still, Negro America was stunned as it had never been stunned before. My fear, plainly expressed, is that some group of irresponsible "hot-heads" might try to make an issue of a Louis defeat.

A WARNING

That is the warning I'm trying to convey. IF . . and when Joe Louis is defeated, show that you can "take it." Act in defeat as Joe Louis will do. Remember that he's HELPED you . . and you . . and you . . all of us!

Remember that he's made a million dollars out of the game!

Remember that he's left a record which will probably never be equalled!

Remember that he's proven conclusively that there is such a thing as HONOR among Negro fighters. No one will ever dare whisper that Joe Louis ever did anything shady in the ring.

Remember that Joe Louis' ascent to the throne, has proven the sagacity of Negroes as business men . . and as trainers!!

Remember these things . . and when you do you'll realize that the fight game hasn't been bad to Joe Louis.

IF . . and when he loses, Joe will take his defeat in stride!

So will we!!

And so must you!

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

MARVA'S DAY IN COURT NETS HER $100 MORE EACH WEEK

The first round was Marva's when her divorce suit against her husband, Joe Louis Barrow, world heavyweight champion reached the court Friday morning. Mrs. Barrow was awarded $100 more each week as temporary alimony. Joe's weekly allowance to his wife had been $100. She will receive $200 each week until the case is settled.

From all indications, Joe will contest his wife's suit, his attorney, William H. Temple, stated Wednesday. He and Mrs. Barrow's attorneys, Bindley C. Cyrus and Sidney P. Brown, appeared before Judge Michael Fienberg of the circuit court. It was explained that attempts at reconciliation and an out-of-the-court agreement had failed. Mrs. Louis' attorneys sought settlement of certain details, solicitors' fees and temporary alimony.

Temple Objects

Attorney Temple demurred. He explained to the court that the sums sought or suggested in terms of settlement during the conference held were out of all reason. "They tried to mortgage the boy's life for four years to come," he told a BEE reporter Wednesday.

At Friday's hearing he contended that actual financial ability of Champion Louis was much exaggerated and that it was impossible for him to meet the demands set forth. Judge Feinberg accepted Attorney Cyrus' offer to postpone the solicitor's fees and granted Mrs. Louis $100 per week temporary alimony. This is in addition to the $100 per week which Marva already receives from her husband.

Case Important

Judge Feinberg said that the case was an important one in whcih the public was interested and in order that a reasonable study might be made of the merits, he was referring it to a master in chancery for hearing as to the financial aspects. Over 300 crowded the courtroom Friday. Although no date has been set for the divorce case hearings, it is expected that they will begin sometime this month. Joe was not in court. Marva presented a modish and attractive picture in black.

She showed signs of annoyance when Attorney Temple called her "an extravagant lady" whose efforts are trying "to kill the goose that lays the golden egg." He said, "They (Marva and her attorneys) are asking a writ of ne exeat which would prevent Joe Louis from leaving the state, thus preventing him from practicing his profession.

Ad Point at Issue

"They even seek to get an injunction restraining him from touching his bank accounts." Attorney Cyrus pointed out that Joe Louis had for the present reduced his wife to a state of penury by halting her credit through an advertisement which he inserted in a daily paper disclaiming all responsibility to debts "contracted by anyone other than myself. Joe Louis Barrow."

Attorneys for both principals were scheduled to appear before Master in Chancery Dwight S. Bobb after Friday's session and arrange a date for the chancery hearing.

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Chicago, Illinois

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[Associated Press Wirephoto.] AUG 25 1941

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his wife, Marva, after announcement of their reconciliation at a hearing of Mrs. Louis' alimony petition in Chicago court yesterday.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

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Joe's Open

"No fightin' in August!" That's what Joe Louis told Promoter Mike Jacobs last winter when his fight-a-month campaign was first laid out. Reason: August is the climax of the Negro golf season. And the world's greatest fisticuffer, in the four years he has worn the crown, has become more & more bored with his profession, more & more enthusiastic about golf.

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Last week, at Detroit's Rackham (municipal) Golf Course, the Brown Bomber was host to 186 of the best Negro golfers in the U.S., professional and amateur. They had been invited to compete in the newest tournament on the colored calendar, the Joe Louis Open. The Champion had sponsored sport ventures before. He sank $30,000 in the maintenance of the Brown Bombers, a nomadic, ne'er-do-well softball team. He had sponsored horse shows, bowling teams.

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GOLFER LOUIS
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But Joe's golf show is no small shucks. Sandwiched between the Negro National Amateur Open, Joe's tournament, with annual prize money of $1,000, will be a blue-ribbon golf event, tantamount to the whites' Masters' tournament sponsored by Bobby Jones.

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Louis Puts "Flash" in N.Y. Show

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FEB 18 1941

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The bout ended in the second round.

FEB 18 1941

The judges were Eddie Loughran and Frank Knaresborough. The referee was Irving Kutcher.

FIRST ROUND.

Dorazio rushed Louis immediately and they clinched near the ropes. Gus threw a left to the face and took a left to the face. Joe drove a hard right to the face. Gus was wild with a letf to the head. He weaved and bobbed repeatedly and his style puzzled Joe. Joe drove both hands to the heart and took a right to the heart. Gus landed a light left to the stomach and they clinched. Joe was wild with a left to the head. Another clinch followed. Joe landed a hard left to the jaw and shook him up. Gus landed a hard left to the stomach. Gus was taking Joe's best punches. Gus landed a left to the face and a right to the ribs. They were sparring at the bell.

SECOND ROUND.

Joe blocked a wild left. Louis flicked a right to the face. A right cross dropped Gus on his face near his own corner and, altho he struggled to get up, he was counted out in 1:30 of the round.

Results of preliminaries:

Al Williams of Philadelphia knocked out Big Ben Moroz, Philadelphia [3].

Johnny Myhasuk, Philadelphia, beat Felix Del Paoli, Philadelphia [4].

Holman Williams, Chicago, stopped Frankie Britt, Fall River, Mass [4].

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JOE LOUIS IS SPORT'S LARGEST INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IN U.S.

MAR 1 1941

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Joe Louis

The interesting thing about all this is that Louis rather likes the idea of fighting frequently and being able to return to Uncle Sam his tax on what the man with the whiskers has permitted him to earn. Joe says that fighting is his business and collecting taxes on what he and other Americans earn is certainly part of Uncle Sam's business, and that, furthermore, a guy ought to be darn glad he is in a position to be taxed by Uncle.

May Join Army

MAR 1 1941

There is a good chance that the heavyweight champion may soon go to work in Uncle's Army at $21 a month—a stipend considerably less than Joseph has become accustomed to in recent years. But, does he object? He most certainly does not. Young Mr. Louis thinks a man ought to be happy to do his bit in the service of his country.

Certain quarters are saying that Louis' handlers are cheapening the heavyweight title by putting Joe on exhibition too often, going so far as to refer to his activities as "the Bum-of-the-Month Program," what with men like Red Burman and Gus Dorazio being set before the champion at frequent intervals. The obvious retort proper to this is that Joe and his handlers don't decide who is available to fight the champion, nor are they responsible for the quality of challengers for the title. Their business is to meet whosoever will come and offer to do battle for the crown, bar none, dodge none.

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No one can say that Joe is a Prima Donna champion, holding himself aloof and treating his crown like a museum piece, fretful of performing before the public which both gives and takes away crown and champion. Nothing so sharply, and yet so casually, reveals the true stature of Joe Louis as his "Well, it's just another lucky night, I guess," spoken over the radio at the end of his fights. For in this softly spoken sentence one senses both shrewdness and modesty and a fitting recognition of the qualities of his opponents.

One feels, in talking to Joe Louis, that he deserves to wear the heavyweight crown on his head because in the words of Clearkus, he wears the tiara so well on his heart.

Present fight prospects for the champion are that after taking on Abraham Simon in Detroit next month, he will rest until he fights Billy Conn in June and lay off again until he meets Lou Nova in September.

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Baltimore, Maryland

Blow by Blow

FEB 22 1941

FIRST ROUND.

Dorazio came out in a crouch and weaved in under Louis's left. Gus threw two jabs and a right to Joe's body and Louis retaliated with a right to the chin. Dorazio missed a right hook and moved in close. Joe pushed him off then Dorazio bent low and weaved under Louis's jabs. Dorazio landed a left and right to Joe's head. The challenger again hit Joe with a left to the face, and Louis came in with a two-fisted attack to the body. Louis punched the challenger with a hard left to the jaw, then peppered Gus with both hands on the head. The challenger crowded the champion as the bell sounded. Louis's round.

FEB 22 1941

SECOND ROUND

Dorazio was short with a left hook. Louis jarred him with a jab. Joe landed a crushing right on Gus's jaw, sending the challenger down for the count. Louis wins by a knockout in 1:30.

Pathfinder
Washington, D. C.

Louis-Nova Fight

OCT 11 1941

Reminding 55,000 fight fans that he is still the Heavyweight Kingpin, Joe Louis scored a technical knockout over Lou Nova, California contender, in his 19th defense of his heavyweight crown at the Polo Grounds. After five rounds of give - and - take, Louis suddenly blasted Nova out of the ring with a terrific right to the chin. Nova went down for a count of nine, and Referee Arthur Donovan signalled the end of hostilities in the final second of the sixth round.

Joe Louis

OCT 11 1941

Whether or not this be Louis' last fight (his number has been called in the draft and he has asked no deferment), his gross earnings as a fighter shot over the $2,000,000 mark with the Nova fight. For that short work-out he received an estimated $240,000 of the $600,000 gate receipts. He has made over half a million dollars this year, and an average of $278,435 a year since he turned pro in 1934. Each of his 55 bouts have brought him in an average of $41,250. Still, Joe figures he will be able to get along on $21 a month.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

At Last, It's Out! Real Dope On When Joe Louis Will Retire Is Outlined

MAR 15 1941

Dan Burley Reveals That Uncle Sam's Army Will Force Brown Bomber From Throne of Heavyweight King

Joe Louis will retire as kingpin of the world's heavyweights when he goes away with the United States Army.

Standing No. 378th on his local draft board, the Brown Bomber says he'll ask for no deferment because of his marriage, considering it a privilege and a duty to serve his country. He returned his questionnaire to his local draft board, Jan. 7, and expects to be called for a physical examination and soon afterward, induction into army service.

That's the inside reason why the Brown Bomber is so busy fighting these days. He wants to set a record for all time among heavyweights for defense of the title. His conquests of Al McCoy Red Burman, Gus Dorazio by knockouts, are expected to carry through Abe Simon in Detroit, March 21, and any others who may be lined up before Uncle Sam beckons. Beyond that, the champion's future is wrapped up in khaki uniform and hobnailed boots.

However, you won't get such an explanation from the Louis front office if you drop in on them at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., where Jack Blackburn is putting the finishing touches on the titleholder for his little party with Simon. Instead, Julian Black and Johnny Roxborough will go into a kind of trance and discuss the nuances of sound emitting from a well-punched bag or head; speak learnedly on the topics of the day; whether Bulgaria will join the Finns, pat you on the back and wish you a happy trip home.

Mike Jacobs is openly worried about the Army getting his biggest moneymaker, but Ray Carlin, Jack Dempsey, Jimmy Johnston and the rest of the boys along Jacobs Beach aren't hiding their elation that something, whether it be the number drawn from the fish bowl in Washington, or a left hook, rids the heavyweight ranks of what they term the game's "greatest menace." With Louis gone and certain white heavyweights beyond the draft call, the good fellows who have been outside so long looking inside can now make a little hay, maybe a little dough.

The McCoy-Burman-Dorazio-Simon-Lesnevitch-and-whoever-else-they-can-get lineup is to be regarded in the light of an attempt to save a man overboard by throwing over another. In other words, the Great White Hope Search is a flop insofar as getting somebody who can whip Louis, even though Joe's pockets are overloaded with customers' dough, contributed by the folks who know they'll never look on another fighter like him and rush the box offices to see him while they can. At one time a mob of sports writers were given the word to lay it on Joe so he'd get ashamed of bumping off so many bums and quit of his own accord. Joe wouldn't "pay 'em no mind" and the shouting and the tumult died down, to be revived in a sort of orgiastic state in which anybody and everybody among the heavies is lined up as a sort of sacrifice to the King of Swat.

Ironically enough, it is Louis himself, who has provided the way of getting rid of Joe Louis the heavyweight champion. Joe actually wants to get into the Army. He's bored by the everyday run of things; the knocking off of a lot of fellows who are scared half to death the minute they hear his name. He wants excitement and from what' he's read and heard, he's sure he can get it in the Army. Said he:

"Army life won't be so bad, anyway. I've been taking orders for many years from Jack Blackburn, so I won't have any trouble taking orders from the sergeant in the army."

And Joe has made it plain that he and his wife, Marva, aren't separated as widely believed. Instead, he said they're never been happier as they are today. But Joe has his mind set on the army, and to claim deferment because of his marital status would be less than a man, he feels.

An Army end to the heavyweight situation would also leave Joe with some extra coin in his pocket since Uncle Sam has been digging into the Louis money pouch deeper and deeper after every fight the Bomber has been engaged in of late. That's no good to the Louis strategy. Joe has always planned to leave the ring without a mark on him and with plenty of money that folds. He is sure of the former, but Uncle Sam's tax-hounds prowling around the box offices, the latter desire might grow too slim. That's why Louis will retire himself by getting into a uniform.

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LOUIS BOXES SIMON IN DETROIT FRIDAY

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Heavyweight Champion Will Risk Crown in 20-Round Bout With New Yorker

TITLEHOLDER IS FAVORED

Contest Will Mark Fifteenth Defense for Brown Bomber —Both Working Hard

HOW THE RIVALS COMPARE

LOUIS		SIMON
27 years	Age	26 years
202 pounds	Weight	255 pounds
6 feet 3½ in.	Height	6 feet 4 in.
76 inches	Reach	83 inches
41 inches	Chest (Normal)	47½ inches
44 inches	Chest (Expanded)	51 inches
17 inches	Neck	19 inches
14 inches	Biceps	15¾ inches
12 inches	Forearm	14 inches
8 inches	Wrist	8¾ inches
11¾ inches	Fist	14 inches
34 inches	Waist	38½ inches
22 inches	Thigh	23½ inches
15 inches	Calf	16¾ inches
10 inches	Ankle	10¾ inches

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DETROIT, March 15—While Joe Louis trains at the air-conditioned dance pavilion in the heart of Detroit's Harlem, a survey of activities around the Olympia box office indicates that Promoter Mike Jacobs will have another sell-out attraction when Joe Louis defends his world heavyweight crown against Abe Simon, New Yorker, in a scheduled 20-round contest here Friday night.

The 255-pound challenger qualified for the title bout with the Brown Bomber by defeating Roscoe Toles in the same ring last December, but the impression is general that Louis will have an easy time subduing Simon. This belief, however, is not shared by Jack Blackburn, the champion's capable trainer.

"Joe is going in there with a big, strong fellow and I don't care what people say or think. Simon has beaten some good men and must have something to go along with the fighters like he did. I look for Joe to knock him out, but he ain't gonna have near the easy time doing it that a lot of folks think," declared Blackburn in summing up the approaching [illegible].

Johnson Supports Simon

Meanwhile, at the Motor City Gymnasium, where the ponderous Simon has been laboring, Jack Johnson is telling all who will lend an ear that Louis is greatly overrated. The Johnson belief is based on the premise that Simon will spring the upset of the pugilistic year. By no means will the New Yorker prove to be the "pop-over" that the Joe Louis Booster's Club predicts, asserts Johnson.

"Simon is a big, game fellow, who doesn't scare easily. I have shown him a couple of tricks, and he isn't going to be like the other fellows Louis has met, whipped before the bell rings. Abe can take a punch on the jaw without becoming all fuddled. The public is in for the surprise of its life," chuckled the former heavyweight champion.

Louis and Simon have been following a rigorous training routine for the past two weeks. Both arise early—the champion at 6 o'clock and Simon at 5:15.

Abe jogs, runs and makes the ground along the waterfront tremble as he reels off six miles before returning to his hotel suite for a shower, returning to bed to await breakfast at 9:30.

Louis Does Road Work on Farm

The champion does his six miles near his 477-acre farm at Utica. He, too, rests before breakfast, motoring into town, a drive of twenty-two miles, for his afternoon sparring sessions.

The contest will be the fifteenth title defense for Louis since he knocked out Jim Braddock in eight rounds at Chicago, June 22, 1937. Two boxers, Tommy Farr, Welshman, and Arturo Godoy, South American, lasted the distance with the champion. Subsequently, Louis knocked out Godoy in eight rounds in a return encounter.

The other unsuccessful challengers and the times they stayed on their feet before Louis are: Nathan Mann, three rounds; Harry Thomas, five; Max Schmeling, one; John Henry Lewis, one; Jack Roper, one; Tony Galento, four; Bob Pastor, eleven; Johnny Paycheck, two; Al McCoy, six; Red Burman, five, and Gus Dorazio, two. The total number of rounds in fourteen title matches in defense of his title is seventy-nine.

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Offer Joe Louis $30,000 Guarantee To Meet Bettina

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MIAMI— (SNS) — Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis Saturday was offered a guarantee of $30,000 for a title bout "anywhere, anytime" with Melio Bettina, former light-heavyweight champion. The proposed fight is dependent on the outcome of Bettina's fight with Buddy Knox here Sunday night.

Jimmy Grippo, Bettina's manager, said his fighter would meet the champion in any city at any time Louis and his promoters cared to name. The money will be deposited in any bank Louis managers wish, Grippos said.

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SLANTS ON SPORTS

By LUCIUS JONES

Joe Louis, Lou Nova WILL Mix in Chicago Sept. 24; Bomber Through with Marva; Negro Baseball Can Be Lifted to Skies

RIGHT AGAIN!

The column took a "flyer", a few days ago, on calling the Joe Louis-Lou Nova title bout next month for Chicago Wednesday night, September 24, instead of New York City.

Since that time, formal announcement has come from Mike Jacobs and his headquarters at Twentieth Century Sporting Club in downtown Broadway that the date and place, predicted by this palladium of the public weal earlier in the week, are Wednesday night, September 4, at Wrigley Field, on the Northside, home of the Chicago Cubs of the National League.

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Mike Jacobs reached his decision after conferring with Chicago Mayor Edward Kelly's representatives, as well as Leonard Hicks, manager of the Morrison Hotel, Jacobs' Windy City headquarters. Also in the parley were State Boxing Commission Chairman Sheldon Clark.

In picking Chicago, Jacobs was swayed by the fact that Lou Nova had suffered several reverses in New York and also by the fact that Chicago, the city in which Louis won his crown, had never had the honor of seeing him defend it.

However, Jacobs might well have admitted he was thinking in terms of the maximum gate. He, doubtless, was over a great deal by the fact that Chicago holds the all-time record for boxing receipts on a title fight, having played host to the second Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney match in which there was a "gross" of $2,658,640. Tunney's share, alone, was $975,000. That's the all-time record amount received by a fighter from a single contest.

But Dempsey himself and Joe Louis have been bigger money makers than Tunney, considering all contests. Dempsey earned over four million in the ring during an era of prosperity; Louis has already reached the two million mark in an age of depression.

The first definite pronouncement by the courts in the divorce case of the Joe Louises the past week when it was decreed that, as temporary alimony, the world heavyweight champion pay his wife $200 weekly. This will continue until a final settlement is made by the court.

The reconciliation idea is totally out. Marva is willing; Joe wants no part of a "kiss and make up". Not so long ago, he ran a classified ad in one of the Chicago dailies, declaring he was no longer responsible for any debts incurred by Marva.

Negro baseball has definite possibilities. That was shown conclusively Sunday, July 27, in Chicago, where 47,689 cash customers witnessed the ninth annual East-West Classic at Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox.

But the game needs box scores, records, sequential newspaper publicity, and a general overhauling in order to dispose of self-centered, insincere owners and officials.

The greatest professional team Atlanta ever had, assembled by John Harden, was ruined by the "Vicious Circle" Sending the Black Crackers to Indianapolis, dead as doornails as a baseball town, was Mistake Number One. The second big blunder was giving the Toledo Crawfords membership in the Negro American League at the expense of "railroading" the Black Crax from the loop.

James (Gabby) Kemp ,erstwhile manager of the Black Crax, is still in the game. Gabby is playing a sensational second base for the Jacksonville Red Caps. He had once left the Crax to join the Red Caps, only to be recalled to the Crax as pilot of the club. The Crax were shelved by the drastic and unwitting act of league officials and, now, Kemp is back in the Florida metropolis and seems to be having a great season.

Felix (Chin) Evens is with the Memphis Red Sox. Last year, he won 16, lost only 5 for the celebrated Ethiopian Clowns.

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The Ethiopian Clowns and Birmingham Black Barons want to show in Atlanta Labor Day, but the Atlanta All-Stars and Scripto Black Cats, heated Gate City rivals, had something to say about the matter—and the Atlanta pair is th eone that will give a holiday show, not the outside outfits.

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Louis-Nova Set at Stadium Sept. 19th; Henry in 'Comeback'

Title Bout Expected to Draw Big Crowd—Armstrong Changes Mind, Starts Fistic Tour

By Bill Newton

There's a place and time for everything. Everybody knew that the place for the Joe Louis-Lou Nova bout would be the Yankee Stadium, even before Mike Jacobs announced it yesterday, and the time, Sept. 19, 10 P. M., was not much of a surprise, either.

Jacobs' announcement, however served to put an official stamp on the bout, and made it clear that a capacity crowd is expected at the big ballyard on the Harlem.

Rumors had floated freely along the sands and wild winds of Jacobs Beach that the big match might be held in some Middle Western city such as Detroit or Chicago. With such tremendous fan interest in the bout, however, it was considered certain that when Jacobs finally settled on a spot, it would be New York.

The ballyhoo for the tussle is already in full swing, most of it coming from Nova or his manager, Ray Carlen, who are doing a nice job of winning the championship orally long before Louis and Nova step between the ropes.

Behind all the ballyhoo, however, is the undoubted fact that the rugged, solid-punching Nova is expected to give the admittedly "slipping" champion one of his most difficult evenings. Joe will reign favorite, and should win decisively, in this observer's view, but he will know he has been in a fight.

The California challenger is at present taking preliminary training in the Maine woods. Louis is resting on his Michigan ranch. Both will begin serious workouts in about two weeks. The greatest heavyweight champ of 'em all will be making his 19th title defense against one of the most capable challengers he has been called upon to face.

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There's a sad note in today's boxing news. From Los Angeles comes word that the once-incomparable Henry Armstrong plans to launch a comeback after eight months of retirement.

Armstrong believes that he can defeat the present welter ruler, Red Cochrane, who took the crown from Fritzie Zivic last week.

Zivic captured Hammerin' Henry's title last October, and subjected Armstrong to the first kayo of his career in a rematch in January. That was when the obviously faded Henry retired. He took two bad beatings from Zivic. Should Henry elect to again face foemen of Zivic's caliber, it is almost certain that he will be battered severely, and at great permanent danger to his health.

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His plans call for a conditioning tour to begin within two weeks, in which he will box exhibitions in at least 15 states. "In this manner I hope to work myself back into first class condition," Henry said.

Tribune
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Mrs. Joe Louis Not Worth $200 A Week, In Opinion Of Philadelphia Women

Mrs. Joe Louis "isn't worth it," is the opinion of Philadelphia women when asked what they thought of the $200 per week alimony which a Chicago court ordered her boxing champion husband to pay her.

The $200 monthly alimony will continue until the divorce suit entered by Mrs. Louis is settled, and lawyers agree that the final payments which the judge will order will be much smaller, but as long as the present figure continues, Mrs. Louis will be paid at the rate of $10,400 per year, in addition to a monthly income of $360 which she gets from an apartment house given her by her husband.

From $12 Typist

This means a total income of $14,720 per year to a young woman who up to 1935 when she married Joe Louis was little more than a $12-per week typist on Chicago's Southside.

But she married a promising, young boxer who became a world's champion and now her lawyers say that she must be provided for that she may live as befitting the wife of a champion, in keeping with the standards she has known as wife of Louis.

In Chicago last week, the alimony hearing, presided over by Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Feinberg, became hectic, as Joe's lawyer, William H. Temple, charged that Mrs. Marva Trotter Louis is extravagant, that she can make bills like "that," and spend $500 and more for clothes in a single week.

Temple said that Marva is now receiving $100 a week voluntarily from her husband—and inferred that such a sum is as much as she deserves.

Wants Joe Quarantined

Marva, through her lawyer, Bindley Cyrus, went further when she asked that the Court order Joe to remain within its jurisdiction. That would have kept him from travelling to training camps or to boxing matches. That was when Temple shouted:

"That's absurd. It would be like killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

But here is what Miss and Mrs. Philadelphia think about that $200 alimony:

"No, indeed; I don't think Marva is worth $200. It's terrible to give her that much. It looks like she is trying to break him," declared **Miss Dorothy Craig**, florist, 420 South 16th street, very emphatically.

And Mrs. Leonard Nelson, waitress, 827 N. Preston street, was quite as forceful:

"She does not need $200 to live on," Mrs. Nelson said; he is the only champion we have and why tear him down."

Hairdresser Speaks

"No, she should not get it, because, in the first place, she married him for money and shouldn't put that much pressure on him, especially since she is spending all the money on herself."—**Miss Alberta Parrott**, 1414 Lombard street, hairdresser.

"She should not have it because she should have married him for love and not for money. Louis is a very fine fellow and has stayed with his race as no other fighter has.—**Mrs. Hattie Brooks**, housewife, 1506 Lombard st.

"She should not get any $200 alimony, because she only married him for money."—**Mrs. Bernice Hudson**, housewife, 1415 Lombard st., housewife.

In the Postal Card Restaurant and in Skip's Taxern Dining Room, both on South street, on the nearby streets and by telephone, the sampling of Philadelphians questioned showed a large number who think Mrs. Louis married the champion for money. But a few thought she should have the $200 alimony.

Entitled To It

"Yes, she should get the $200; she is entitled to it. It is unfortunate, however, that they could not get along. It calls for giving and taking for a marriage to be successful."—**Mrs. Lela Walker Jones**, teacher of dramatics, 1430 south 22nd street.

"Yes, she should get the $200. If Louis thought enough of her to marry her, then she should get what she wants now, for she is his wife and he is able to give it to her.'—**Mrs Odessa Shipley**, physical education instructor at YWCA.

But, the "Noes" predominated.

"No, she should not have $200 alimony," declared **Mrs. Maggie Gill**, housewife of 1433 Lombard street, in one sentence.

Against Mrs. Louis

"No, she should not get it because she bore false witness against him, and made the public think he was treating her badly, and that she was treating him right."—**Miss E. Nelson**, 1912 Montrose street, teacher.

"No, because it wasn't a love affair but only a marriage for money."—**Mrs. Dora Lewis**, 537 South 16th st., storekeeper.

"No, I don't think she should get any $200. Her standard of living hasn't risen that much just because she married the champion.—**Mrs. Christine Pennington**, housewife, 7277 Saybrook avenue.

Not Worth $200

"No, Mrs. Joe Louis is not worth $200 a week alimony."—**Mrs. Arline Brown, R.N.**, 423 South 15th street.

"No, Mrs. Joe Louis is not worth $200 a week; she simply married Joe for money and all she wants is money."—**Miss Margaret Stevens**, 2007 St. Albans street.

"I dont think she should have as much as $200 a week, but still she should be provided for, since she must keep her appearances up. Really she married for money and fame."—**Mrs. Gertrude Skidmore**, beauty school director, 5719 Girard avenue.

A Colored Judge

Amsterdam News
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Louis Coughs Up $200 Week For Alimony

Marva Wins Court Round While Joe Visits in N. Y.

CHICAGO (ANP).—First round in the battle of Marva vs. Louis goes to the wife. Before Circuit Judge Michael Feinberg in court Friday the heavyweight champion was ordered to pay her $200 weekly temporary alimony, which is $100 more than her previous weekly allowance. First payment was to be made Wednesday of this week.

As to just how much permanent alimony, property settlement and similar benefits Mrs. Louis will receive, that will be decided before Master-in-Chancery Dwight S. Bobb who is also to report back to the court just what he thinks of Marva's claims as outlined in her divorce petition that she was Joe's sparring partner on two occasions.

Courtroom Packed

At last Friday's hearing, the courtroom was full. Joe was not present but Mrs. Louis was there, dressed in blue with a flaming red hat. She was accompanied by her counsel, Atty. Bindley Cyrus, who told Judge Feinberg that the champion's recent newspaper advertisement disclaiming responsibility for debts contracted by anybody else had virtually reduced Marva to a state of want. Temporary alimony was needed so that Mrs. Louis could pay for the necessities of life.

"Lawyer Handling That"

"My lawyer, Mr. Temple (William H. Temple, of Chicago), is handling that," Joe Louis told Dan Burley, sports editor of the Amsterdam Star-News last Friday morning in answer to a question about his divorce case now pending in Chicago's courts. The champion was in New York on a "quickie" visit and headed back to his dude ranch outside Detroit Friday night.

Louis evidently had no knowledge of what was going on in Circuit Court in Chicago before Judge Michael L. Feinberg since he had left everything to his lawyer. Reports on Saturday revealed that Judge Feinberg had awarded Joe's wife and sparring partner in court, the huge sum of $200 a week as temporary alimony. Had Joe known how things were being "handled" he might not have shown such unconcern in his domestic affairs as he did Friday.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Louis Says He's Not Ready To Retire From Boxing Wars

DETROIT—Joe Louis says he has no intention of retiring following the defense of his championship against Lou Nova, probably in Chicago, Sept. 25. Louis points out that Promoter Mike Jacobs, who admits being past 60, isn't thinking of quitting. If Jacobs can continue to take it, Louis guesses he can go on for a while yet.

Louis points out, however, that the business is becoming rather tough on Jack Blackburn, his veteran trainer and second

"Chappie can't climb up them ring steps like he used to," smiles the Brown Bomber. "Guess I'll have to try to shorten up my fights so as to make it easier on the old boy. I sure made him work overtime in the fight with Billy Conn."

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Bystander
Des Moines, Iowa

Mrs. Joe Louis Awarded $100 Temporary Alimony

Chicago, — (ANP)——The divorce suit of Marva Trotter Barrow against her husband, Joseph Louis Barrow, reached the courts Friday morning. Mrs. Louis was awarded $100 weekly as temporary alimony.

Attorneys for the two principals appeared before Judge Michael Fineberg of the circuit court, explained that attempts at reconciliation and out of court agreement had failed and sought the settlement of certain details. Mrs. Louis was represented by Attys. Bindley Cyrus and Sidney Brown who asked for solicitors fees and temporary alimony.

Atty. William H. Temple, representing Joe Louis, demurred at both suggestions. He explained to the court that the sums sought or suggested in terms of settlement during the conferences held were out of all reason. Temple contended that the actual financial ability of Louis was much exaggerated and that it was impossible for him to meet the demands set forth.

Judge Fineberg accepted Atty. Cyrus' offer to postpone the solicitor's fees and granted Mrs. Louis $100 per week temporary alimony. This is in addition to the $100 per week which Marva already receives from her husband.

The judge said that the case was an important one in which the public was interested and in order that a reasonable study might be made of the merits, he was referring it to a master in chancery for hearing as to the financial aspects. The hearings will probably begin next week. Neither Mr. and Mrs. Louis were in court.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

ty. ¶ *Joe Louis* (*see p. 42*) filed a plea in Chicago to have wife Marva's $200-a-week temporary alimony halved. He said his fighting does not bring him $250,000 a year—only $56,000, after taxes. ¶ In

Louis-Nova 'Rickard Bout,' Says Kearns

Stadium Fight Enthuses Old Doc

By LESTER BROMBERG.

When Joe Louis defends his heavyweight crown for the 19th time on the 19th day of September against Lou Nova at Yankee Stadium there will be a fight that would have been right down Tex Rickard's alley, according to Jack Kearns.

Does the Doc need any references to speak on the subject of Rickard? Well, then, we'll proceed.

Kearns doesn't intend his observation concerning Rickard to be regarded as even an inferential knock at Mike Jacobs. Jack respects Mike for the way he spread his wings since the days when Kearns was in a position to do him favors. But looking forward to Mike's next big show, Kearns can't help looking back to Rickard, the man who created the biggest fights.

Said Kearns: "Rickard would have loved this match. I can see exactly what would have sold him on it. . . . Nova being from out of his own country, the Far West. . . . Nova being so big and so game. . . . And then Nova being in there with Louis, a terrific hitter who's still dangerous no matter how far he has slipped past his peak."

Jack admits freely that Rickard would have set up the fight differently. "But times were different, too," he reminds.

"For one thing Rickard wouldn't have had Louis, the champion, meeting an opponent of Nova's importance in his seventh fight of the year. Louis would have been idle since the preceding summer. Or maybe he'd be fighting for the first time in two years. Tex liked to be sure the public never got tired of seeing his champions.

Rickard Would Have Made Ringside Seats $50.

"I don't know what Jacobs will charge for ringside seats. They say he'll keep the $25 top. You know what Rickard would have done? Right off the bat he'd have the ringside seats selling for $50 a copy. And he'd have more rows than you could count, running back to the bleacher wall."

It is Kearns' belief that Nova can't make this fight financially. Incidentally, Jack expects it will draw close to $750,000.

The old Doc feels Nova will pull the customers because, by intention or accident, he has trod on the ancient trail of exploitation, just as it might have worked out under Rickard.

"By September the public will be good and curious to get a peek at him in the ring," Kearns insists.

Jack has still another slant on why the fans will come out in record numbers.

"The Louis-Conn house was what you'd call sympathy money. The fans who came there were worried for the frail-looking Conn. But Nova's husky. They think he's strong enough to take any kind of beating or give one out. And I won't be surprised if he wins."

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOE LOUIS ORDERED TO PAY $200 A WEEK TEMPORARY ALIMONY

CHICAGO, Aug. 7—Last Friday Judge Michael Feinberg ruled that Heavyweight Champion of the World Joe Louis is to start paying his wife Marva $200 a week temporary alimony today. This ruling was made after a heated flurry between Attorney William H. Temple, Joe's lawyer, and Bindley C. Cyrus, Marva's counsel. Preliminary hearings of the divorce case and the question of Louis' ability to pay permanent alimony is scheduled to be heard today by Master in Chancery Dwight C. Bobb, if Joe is in town.

LAWYERS BATTLE; MARVA SILENT

About ten minutes to ten Friday morning Marva and two of her close friends rushed off the elevator on the ninth floor of the county building where she was met by her lawyer. Garbed in a dark suit she bore somewhat of a serious mein and was silent as they all passed through a gauntlet of cameramen of the metropolitan and weekly press.

As soon as Mrs. Barrow was seated the court room began to fill up and in a few minutes there was a capacity crowd, and extra bailiffs called to handle it.

In his statement to the court Att'y Cyrus then very graciously was receiving a substantial subsistence (referring to her $100 a week allowance) and since no real emergency existed there should be no reason for temporary alimony. The income the champ's wife receives from her home at 4320 Michigan avenue—$360 a month—was also mentioned by Temple but Atty Cyrus countered with the assertion that after all of the expenses are taken out she barely realizes $25 or $30.

Bits of the repartee between the two lawyers was at times very amusing to the court fans.

"Why judge we were told that one night last week she went through $200 out south. Why they are just trying to kill the goose which layed the golden egg," said Temple.

"Do you mean that Joe Louis is a goose?" asked the judge.

"Not right now," replied Temple, "but he will look very much like one if he has to pay the kind of money they are asking for."

TRYING TO FORCE SETTLEMENT, CLAIM

From Cyrus' viewpoint he summed the whole thing up as an attempt on the part of Joe and his lawyer to force an inconsequential settlement on Marva.

Answering the charges that Joe makes $250,000 a year Temple declared that in Joe's business nothing is certain, and the fact that he is champion makes his financial outlay enormous, having to pay his managers, transportation, state and federal taxes, trainers, etc.

"NOT AN ORDINARY CASE"—JUDGE

"This is not an ordinary divorce case," commented Judge Feinberg, "Mrs. Barrow has a right to keep up the same standard of living to which her husband had accustomed her. If that meant two cars, it takes more to manage two cars than one."

It was at this time, right at the end of the hearing, that Marva glanced out from under her red taffeta hat and smiled sweetly at the judge.

Atty Cyrus then very graciously told the court that he would suspend his attempt to get his own counsel fees "while Mrs. Barrow is in need."

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Lou Nova-Joe Louis Title Go Set For September 19 In Yankee Stadium

The World Heavyweight Championship bout between Joe Louis and contender Lou Nova will be held Friday, September 19, in New York's Yankee Stadium, it was announced today by Mike Jacobs, president of the 20th Century Sporting Club. The broadcast will be heard exclusively over the Mutual Broadcasting System under the sponsorship of the Gillette Safety Razor Company. It is expected that two hundred stations in the U. S. and Canada will take the broadcast from Mutual, and plans to short wave the feature to South America and other parts of the globe are now under way.

At the microphones to bring listeners the blow-by-blow and color reports will be Don Dunphy and Bill Corum.

The broadcast will begin at 10 p.m. (EST). The bout is scheduled for fifteen rounds.

Other ring features scheduled exclusively on Mutual:

Tuesday, August 26: Gus Lesnevich vs. Tami Muriello. Lightweight title tilt. Madison Square Garden. 15 rounds.

Friday, September 3: Buddy Baer vs. Abe Simon. Heavyweight contenders. Madison Square Garden. 15 rounds.

In October: Red Cochrane vs. Fritizie Zivic, welterweight championship. Sammy Angott vs. Lew Jenkins, Lightweight championship.

Friday, November 21: Billy Soose vs. Ken Overlin, Middleweight championship. Madison Square Garden.

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Joe Louis and Lou Nova Fight In Yankee Stadium Sept. 19

Jacobs Yields to Pressure From Business Men In N. Y., Turns Down Chi's Fight Bid in Last Minute

After deciding on Chicago as the site for the Louis-Nova heavyweight championship bout, Mike Jacobs suddenly changed his mind and publicly announced that the contest will be held in Yankee Stadium, New York, on Friday, Sept. 19. Jacobs had practically given the fight to the Windy City where he had planned to hold it at Wrigley Field when pressure by New York hotelmen and business concerns forced him to give in and keep the battle, which may draw half a million dollars, in the East and in New York.

Three cities had figured in the goes on. struggle to land the Louis-Nova prize—Boston, Chicago and Detroit, offering heavy guarantees, but Jacobs, whose interests are centered in New York, decided it best to play ball with the folks at home and to give them a chance to look at Louis in what will probably be the champion's last fight.

Nova was due in town this week and was to work out at the Pioneer gym before heading for camp at Pompton Lakes, N. J., Louis is due in shortly and will train as usual at Greenwood Lake, N. Y. The match was signed shortly after Joe knocked out Billy Conn last June. All along Nova has insisted on fighting in New York while Joe favored his hometown, Detroit, for the contest.

When Louis meets the California challenger, he will be defending his title for the seventh time this year and the 19th time since he won the crown from Jimmy Braddock back in Comiskey Park in Chicago. From all indications the fight, which will have a $30 top, will attract fans from every point in the country. Since many believe Louis will quit and go into the Army after his date with Nova, no one wants to be outside when the big show

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Constitution
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Louis To Join Army If Nova Lifts Crown

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(UP)—Joe Louis will join the Army if he loses his heavyweight title to Lou Nova on September 19, Promoter Mike Jacobs revealed today.

If a new champion is crowned that night at Yankee Stadium, Bomber Joe will be in uniform soon afterward, in recruiting work or as a boxing instructor, Jacobs said.

Louis would take a chance on obtaining a furlough to permit an attempt to recapture the title from Nova next June. Contracts for the September battle provide for a return bout in June should Nova win.

It was quite evident from Jacobs' remarks that the Detroit Negro has no thought of retiring—win or lose. His draft deferment, because of dependents, permits him to continue in the ring.

Accordingly, if Louis retains his diadem against Nova, he will rest until January, and then defend against Abe Simon or Buddy Baer who tangle in a "Battle of Giants" at the Garden September 5. The January brawl probably would open another fight-a-month campaign, with Southpaw Melio Bettina probably being the opponent at Los Angeles in February.

Nova, who has been roughing it in the Maine woods, will arrive tomorrow night and take a workout Thursday at the Pioneer Gym, officially opening the campaign of ballyhoo.

Jacobs hopes that this campaign will sell a million dollars' worth of tickets. The tickets range in price from $3.50 to $30. Only once before has Jacobs had a higher top. That was the $40 asked for choice ringsides at the first Louis-Schmeling bout, which drew a disappointing gate. The highest price ever charged for a heavyweight title bout in the United States was $60, assessed by Tex Rickard for the Jeffries-Johnson fiasco at Reno, Nev., in 1910.

Nova's manager, Ray Carlen, announced today the challenger will train at Dr. Joseph Bier's camp, Pompton Lakes, N. J., where he will begin activities on Monday. Louis will do a few days of preliminary work at Stevensville, Mich., and arrive in New York about August 22 to begin training at Greenwood Lake, N. Y.

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Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Avers He Can't Pay $200 Alimony

Joe Asks Modification of Judge's Order; Denies $250,000 Income.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion, contended today he is unable to pay his estranged wife, the former Marva Trotter, the $200 a week alimony ordered August 1 by Circuit Judge Michael Feinberg.

Louis made the contention in a formal answer to his wife's temporary alimony petition filed before Circuit Judge George Fred Rush. The answer charged his wife with "reckless and extravagant spending," and said $100 a week plus an income of $360 a month from her apartment building was ample for all her needs.

Joe's answer asked modification of Judge Feinberg's order and said it should not have been granted because Louis was not present in court. At the same time it denied Louis receives a yearly income of $250,000 from fighting. Instead, the petition said, he has received an average of only $65,000, after taxes were deducted, during the past seven years, and only $51,000 last year. It also denied his total income has been about $500,000 annually, as his wife claimed.

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Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Louis' Battle With Nova Set Back 10 Days

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Joe Asks For And Gets Postponement To Allow Him To Get In Condition

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK—(AP)—After seven years of knocking over hopeful heavyweights between platters of fried chicken, Joe Louis decided Saturday the golf and marital mixup which took up most of his Summer make it necessary for him to have more time to get ready for Lou Nova.

So he asked for, and received, a 10-day postponement of the fight, setting it back to Sept. 29 in the Polo Grounds. In fact, he was so hot in his demands for the postponement that he told Mike Jacobs the bout would either be set back—or there would be no fight.

Immediately, Nova's brain trust shouted that Joe's anxiety over his condition was proof he was afraid of their warrior. This theory wasn't shared by much of Jacobs Beach, however, most of the leading citizens figured the postponement only gave the big California clouter a 10-day stay of execution.

Nevertheless, the fact that for the first time in his career the Bomber had to plead for more time to prepare for a rival made it obvious that (1) he doesn't round into condition so quickly as he once did and (2) he has a healthy respect for Louie the Yogi's designs on his world heavyweight championship.

He notified Promoter Mike last Wednesday he wanted the fight set back. He said flatly he would not go through with the brawl at all unless he had more time. This caused Uncle Mike to grab the next plane to Detroit to talk it over.

The Bomber's board of strategy pointed out that he had been playing between 18 and 36 holes of golf daily for a three-week period under a hot sun, and needed some rest before starting serious conditioning work.

"And," recalled Co-Manager John Roxborough, "we began to think back, when Joe played a lot of golf down at his training camp in Lakewood, N. J. Then he met a fellow named Max Schmeling. Remember what happened?

"On top of that, this mixup with his wife took up a lot of time and didn't make him feel any better. That's all settled now, though."

As a result, Joe went up to Stevensville, Mich., Saturday with Trainer Jack Blackburn and his personal chef, Bill Bottoms. He'll stay there until Sept. 4, doing only light roadwork. Then he will come East to his training camp at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., for serious conditioning work.

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Bomber Explodes Punch To Challenger's Chin To End Bout

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POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—In one fearful explosion of fistic dynamite, Joe Louis leveled the California oak, Lou Nova, in six rounds tonight to turn back the 19th challenge to his record reign as world heavyweight champion.

He did it in a different way than everyone expected he would. He was supposed to take considerable time bringing down the powerful giant with the Yogi habits. Nova was to absorb the blasts time after time, possibly be knocked down several times.

But Joe was stubborn enough to believe his right hand gunpowder was mighty enough to do it in one short vicious explosion. And he was as right as law.

For, after stalking the blond giant for five rounds, with the action so dull that a near capacity crowd in this big Bronx ball park hooted and shouted at times, the Brown Bomber took the brakes off in the sixth, floored Nova for a nine-count with a terrific right hand shot, and then belted him into bloody submission before Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in and mercifully ended it.

The time was two minutes and 59 seconds of the sixth round, and marked the end for a time, and possibly for keeps, of Louis's great ring career.

For five rounds this was the most uninteresting Louis the faithful ever have seen. He spent half a minute on occasions without throwing a punch.

Since the big cosmic punch and dynamic stance man challenging for the throne elected to fight a counter-punching kind of a duel, the action was about as heated as the weather. And it was so chilly that top-coats, sweaters, blankets and gloves were all over the ringside and still the folks shivered.

For five rounds, Louis just shuffled in and stalked his opponent. There was one brief moment in the fourth round when Joe had his fireworks popping and Nova's knees sagged. But that quieted down, and it was quite obvious Joe was intent on just one thing—throwing and landing the Sunday punch, the one big one that he was confident would lower Lou.

Finally the occasion came. Midway of the sixth round, Nova made the mistake of lowering his long left just a trifle, and Louis wound up that high hard one and pitched. Nova went down as if he had been hit by a locomotive on the loose instead of a fist.

He lay there against the ropes, then pulled himself up at the count of nine, badly hurt. Joe charged in for the kill. He threw everything into every punch and chased the staggering Nova from rope to rope.

A lightning left hook tore open Nova's right eye. Blood streamed down as he fell back against the ropes in a neutral corner. His hands lowered. Joe, on top of him, was about to let go a blow that might have done him real damage. Then Donovan stepped in and called a halt, a moment before the bell sounded to end the round.

Round One

Nova came out in a defensive position and stepped back as Louis moved toward him. Not a blow was struck for half a minute as they felt each other out. Nova stuck a short straight left on Louis's nose. Both were dancing around cautiously. Louis bounced a hard hook off Nova's forehead. They traded straight lefts. Louis sent a short right to the head and then danced out of harm's way as Nova tried one of his own. Nova hooked a left to the jaw. Joe speared the challenger with a long left on the nose. They traded sharp left hands as Nova backed away. Nova stuck two straight lefts onto Joe's face and followed with a hook. Louis threw two short left hooks to the head at the bell. Round even.

Round Two

They continued to spar, both very cautious. Nova poked a long left into Joe's face and took one in return. Nova was wild with several right swings. They traded lefts to the head. The action slowed even more and the crowd started to shout. Louis bounced a smashing right off Nova's chin and Lou came charging back in. For several seconds they mixed it freely. They exchanged hard lefts to the face. Louis was just short with a wild right hand. Nova charged back and dug a left into the body. Louis fired a left to the eye and took a left and right to the head in return. Nova swung another right to the head at the bell and Louis covered up in a manner he had never shown before in any of his title fights. Nova's round.

Round Three

Between rounds Louis's handlers were rubbing grease on his hands and the referees warned the handlers.

Joe danced in with two lefts and then danced out again. Louis smashed a fearful right cross to the chin which staggered Nova momentarily. Nova [illegible] Louis with a hard right and Joe went into a clinch. Again the action slowed. Louis bounced a left off the nose and took a hook high on the head. At close quarters Nova dug two lefts into the body. For another half minute nothing happened as Louis stalked his rival. Louis drove a hard left to the nose and Nova countered with a hook to the body and a right to the head at the bell. Nova's round.

Round Four

Joe speared Lou with a left to the face. Louis stalked the challenger and flicked his face with another left. They traded short hooks to the head and body. Nova threw a wild right that landed on Joe's chest. In close Nova threw left and right to the head. Louis threw a hook to the head and took a right to the ear. Joe fired a right to the jaw and a left to the head as Nova fought back. Louis caught Nova in a neutral corner and hit him with ten lefts and rights. Another smashing right made Nova's knees sag but still he fought back. Louis banged left and right to the head again at the bell but Nova, not even holding, threw a left to the body and a right to the head at the bell. Louis round.

Round Five

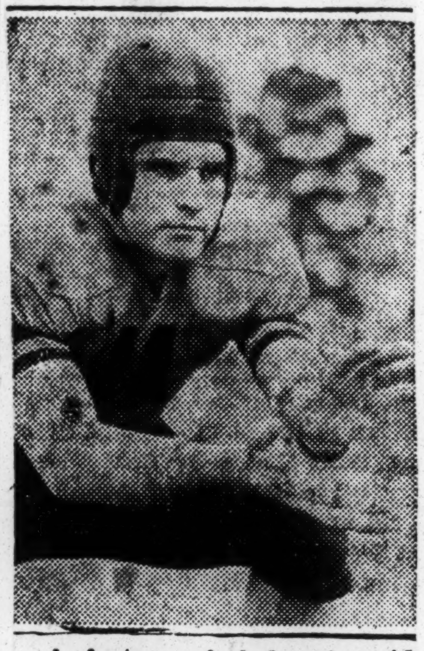
Louis threw a right under the heart and a left to the head as Nova also hooked to the head. Joe poked a straight left to the nose. Louis missed with a swinging left. Joe bounced a left off the nose and then both were short with hard rights. Joe poked with his left to the face again. Nova tossed a short right to the ear. Louis was still the aggressor, shuffling and stalking. The action was very slow again this round until Joe crossed a solid right to the chin. Nova threw two lefts to the head. Joe poked a left to the nose. Louis just missed a right hand that had every one of his 202 pounds behind it. Nova's nose was bleeding at the bell from the peppering of left jabs at the bell. Louis round.

Round Six

Between rounds the referee again warned Nova's handlers for using vaseline on the gloves.

For half a minute they again just walked around the ring. The crowd booed as they continued to box around the ring with neither leading, or landing a punch. Suddenly Nova caught Louis with a hard right on the ear and Joe countered with a hook to the head. Nova missed a right. Both were wild with right hands and the crowd continued its shouting. A smashing right hand caught Nova full on the chin and he was floored for a count of nine. Louis charged in and hammered Nova all over the ring with both hands. The challenger was helpless. Joe pummeled him from rope to rope. A left hook tore Nova's right eye. Nova was helpless in a neutral corner and taking a fearful beating when Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight at 2:59 of the sixth round with Louis the winner by a technical knockout.

In Two-Way Scrap



A feature of Auburn's grid scraps this season has been the two-way fight for the No. 2 quarterback post between Junior Jim Simms, Moulton, and Sophomore Aubrey Clayton, Colliersville, Tenn. It is definite that Capt. Lloyd Cheatham, an All-American candidate, is going to be the Tiger's No. 1 pilot and it now looks as if he is going to receive some able assistance from Simms and Clayton.

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The possibility of defeat for Joe Louis when he defends his championship next week has caused many to wish that he had chosen to retire. They arrive at that conclusion because they think there is more honor for him—and for his people—in his remaining undefeated.

Joe arrived at the pinnacle by hard won victories. He is no synthetic champion like Marvin Hart who was handed the championship by Jeffries. Yet these worshippers of the Brown Bomber would have him break the code of the game and deliver boxing that he has honored and has brought him honor, into another chaos, with claimants instead of champions and challengers. It is a mighty poor wish for a man whose career has won him confidence in a degree none of us ever expected to come to one of our number.

It is not all important that Joe Louis win. What counts is that he deport himself well, be it victory or defeat. Sooner or later time will take him to a trimming. It may come next week. It will certainly come if he is called to the army and lays off fighting during his enlistment. In the meanwhile, having lived by the sword it is up to him to die by the sword. He has been a good sport, a clean fighter, the one individual who could take the miserable dregs of reputation left his people by Jack Johnson and transmute them into such respect that it can be said truthfully that white America mourned with black America at the outcome of the first Schmeling fight.

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Joe Louis has put a number of fighters into involuntary retirement. He is still able to send many, many more to be companions with the already large numbers who have so thoroughly learned their lesson. But he, too, must meet his Waterloo if he continues to remain in the ring. We know that it is not always the best fighter that wins. Some of his fights have made the hearts of many thousands of Negroes skip a number of beats or do doubletime as a result of incidents in the ring that appeared to threaten Joe's fistic superiority.

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For Joe to lose his title in the ring would have an unhealthy affect upon the people of his race and would send him into involuntary oblivion. But if he retired as undefeated champion of the world it would consummate the preservation of a symbol. He would still be the hero of millions.

Of course, this procedure may not be productive of dollars for those who have so ably planned his meteoric career, but in the interest of the greater good they should see the wisdom of such action.

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Between The Lines

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A Triumphant Triumvirate

By DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK

ANCIENT HISTORY tells about the two triumvirates of Rome. The first consisting of Caesar, Cassius and Pompey seems to have been the more imposing. It has gone down in history as one of the most powerful and influential combinations of political and military genius the world has ever known. To the glory of the Negro it must be said, that it too, has produced a triumvirate of historical importance. Blackburn, Black and Roxborough comprise a triumvirate, which for genius, is hardly matched anywhere in this country at the present time. In the management of Joe Louis, they have crowned themselves and their race with glory.

The Negro race no less than this nation owes much to this triumvirate triumphant! And that it is triumphant needs no verification except the record of Joe Lous in the fighting ring. This triumvirate not only has lifted Joe Louis to the pugilistic heights, but the ambitions of the Negro race have been vindicated and strengthened. There has been not one jam or mistake in their handling of Joe Louis. When Joe Louis acceded to power in the squared circle, there arose the question of getting him a wife. The public which was to pay the bills did not ask the question in so many words; but it very much feared there would be another episode where the dusky champion might take unto himself a daughter of Nordic persuasion.

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SETTLED MATTER

This Negro triumvirate settled this matter once for all in getting the fair Marva and fearless Joe to get married. There has not been a more strategic stroke for racial understanding than this one of the triumvirate of Blackburn, Black and Roxborough. More than once have I averred in this column that if the affairs of the Negro race were as capably handled as the affairs of Joe Louis, we would have little reason to worry. What the Negro race needs today is a few more triumvirates in religious and business circles If an AME General conference or a National Baptist convention had such management as does Joe Louis, the race would soon be ready for a major advancement.

Joe Louis has become a powerful influence for good in the field or race relations and best of all he becomes a glorious and brilliant example to race leadership. He is short on talk but long on performance. We have entirely too many orators and too few performers. Joe has shown the way.

DEMOCRATIC IDEOLOGY

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In reviewing the thrilling career of Joe Louis we must not forget what is behind it all. There is that democratic ideology which is at present involved in the machinations and designs of Hitler. Unless there had been the democratic ideology, Negroes would never have had a chance at the championship.

Dempsey ran around crying "champion" for several years; but he was afraid of Harry Wills, whose constant challenges haunted him like the ghost of Banquo. Dempsey was never the champion of the world after he decided not to take on Harry Wills. He was thereafter only the champion of the white race. Joe Louis could never have come to his present estate and the Negro to his present pride, had not Jim Braddock been an honest-to-goodness champion, genuine and unafraid.

Although Braddock may not be so widely heralded as Dempsey, he should be proud, and the country should be proud of him, that he was not a pretender; he was a real champion and although a Negro uncrowned him, he was brave enough to fight and tear from the championship of the world the sinister color bar that the so called great Jack Dempsey hid behind for many a year.

DEBT TO BRADDOCK

It is better to be the champion of the world for a day than the mere champion of one race for a decade. Joe Louis and his triumvirate owe much to great old Jim Braddock who was not afraid to fight a Negro. The reason Braddox did not claim the immunity the color bar offered was the democratic ideology of this country. A country that will support a black man in the prize ring as he batters white man after white man into pugilistic oblivion is a great country and is worth fighting for.

I am conscious of the fact that this country is not all it ought to be; but with all its faults it is the best country in the world for Negroes. We would call this to the attention of the Negro "American Fuss" Committee composed of a group of die-hard Negro republicans who are promoting the "political fuss" set up by white die-hard republicans, championed by the world's fallen hero number one!

Joe Louis is America's unanswerable argument for its claims of democracy nothing but democracy could make possible our great Negro triumvirate, Black-Burn, Black and Roxborough and Joe Louis "Veber Alles"!

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

THE ROUNDUP:

Louis Cheered at Fort Custer; Kimbrough Works With Amerks

OCT 17 1941

Beau Jack-Puentas in Return on Zivic-Robinson Card

Joe Louis put on another exhibition for the boys in the camps, when he boxed two rounds before 5,000 cheering soldiers at the Fort Custer, Michigan outdoor arena yesterday . . . Joe was cheered to the echo as he climbed into the ring for his brief show. The great anti-fascist champ moves on to Selfridge Field, Michigan for his last exhibition before returning to his farm near Utica to await his call to the Army . . .

Beau Jack, the sensational Negro lightweight from Georgia, will fight in the fine supporting semi-final to the Ray Robinson-Fritzie Zivic fight at the Garden Oct. 31, when he tackles Guillermo Puentes in a return 8 round battle. . . . The boys fought before, on the Lesnevich - Mauriello card some weeks ago and slashed away for 8 terrific rounds. . . . Beau Jack was returned the winner, but it could have been called a draw . . . The return should be a humdinger. . . .

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Up at Bear Mountain, Coach Jack McBride of the pro grid New York Americans has fitted John Kimbrough into the scheme of things in a hurry. . . . Kimbrough lost no time getting into uniform and practising the scoring plays McBride has designed for the Columbus game Sunday. . . . Tommy Harmon arrived yesterday on a plane and rushed immediately from the airport to the training grounds to line up with Jarrin' John in what will be the most spectacular pair of stars seen together in these parts for a long while. . . .

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The Brooklyn Grid Dodgers have just signed Ray Frick of the University of Pennsylvania, one of the outstanding centers in the country last year. . . . Ray will go right into action against the Chicago Cardinals' Sunday wearing jersey Number 5. . . .

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City College, the real simon-pures of the grid, boast this year as every one, a real solid line-up of working class boys on the team. . . . Out of school they range from longshoremen to life-savers. . . . Stan Romero, halfback and the team's captain, who is majoring in Health Education and was Eastern Intercollegiate 165-pound boxing champ

About Some of Those CCNY Gridders and Their Backgrounds

in 1939, is a longshoreman during the summer months. . . .

"Swede" Madden, 6 foot 3 in. end, and excellent snatcher, may be a fireman upon completion of his course at the Division of Public Service Training. . . . Marty Rugg may also become a fireman but meanwhile is working his way through school as a clerk. . . . Blimp Shapiro, tackle, works as a lifeguard in the off-season. . . .

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Coach Steve Owen plans to start five rookies against the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday in attempt to give the Giants more attacking power. . . . The latest freshmen up are Don Vosberg, Marquette, and Jack Lummus, Baylor. . . . They are pass-snatching wingmen who snare the elusive pigskin with the ease of Joe DiMaggio catching a fly. . . .

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

IS JOE LOUIS THE GREATEST PRIZE FIGHTER

OCT 19 1941

Read The Old 'Ringsider'

By 'RINGSIDER'

NEW YORK, Oct. 16—Now that the World Series is over and the football season is in its early days, those of us who love sports can find time to talk about prize-fighting, which is a sport that seems never to grow cold, especially since Joe Louis has come upon the fistic horizon.

Just the other day a fan who had read Damon Runyon's recent tribute to Joe Louis, came up to me and said: "I was at the fight the other night when Louis knocked Lou Nova cold in that fatal sixth round and, believe me, I have never in all my life, although I have witnessed hundreds of ring brawls, seen a man hit with the power that Champion Loui displayed upon this occasion.

"Maybe you think that it didn' take power to knock a 200-odc pound man senseless in one punch but if you try it yourself yo will find that it is like trying t bring the mountain to Mahomet.'

Of course I agreed that Loui hits with great power, and tha brings me to the question askec in the above caption: "Is Loui the greatest?" That question is answerable, and then, again, i is not answerable.

Every heavyweight fighter ha had his idolators in his time, and there are many who will rate only a white fighter as the greatest In the old days, when John L Sullivan was parading around the country, styling himself as "The Champion of Champions", there were many who believed that he could never be beaten—that he was the greatest of them all.

But along came Gentleman Jim Corbett and knocked the wheezes out of that myth. Still Corbett was no great fighter when it came to an exhibition of hitting power He was clever, of course, young and possessed great stamina. These qualities, more than any hitting power he possessed, enable him to beat the beer-bloated, boastful John L. for the crown.

That happened in the days when the fight racket was closed to any colored contender, although there were, perhaps, plenty sepians who could have beaten Corbett or Sullivan had they been given the opportunity. So you see, neither of these two-Sullivan nor Corbett—could rightfully claim to be the greatest.

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Jim Jeffries, a Californian boiler maker, young and tough, beat all the good white men but refused to swap punches with a colored boxer. He only consented to fight Peter Jackson after he was certain that the colored man was all "washed up", and devoid of the prowess of his earlier years.

Jeffries retired undefeated, due mostly to the fact that he drew the color line. When he came back to the ring as the one and only "white hope" in 1910 to try and regain the crown from Jack Johnson who had won it from Tommy Burns, he couldn't weather the storm of the black Texan who put him out in 14 rounds. Jeffries, therefore, couldn't be rightfully called the greatest.

Coming down to more recent times, we cannot find a man, not even Jack Dempsey who always dodged the "hard ones", who might rightfully lay claim to being the greatest champ of them all. Dempsey, it will be remembered, took refuge behind the color line and refused to meet such men as Sam Langford or Harry Wills.

But, before we go further we will have to rate Jack Johnson. It is hard to say just where this fighter should be placed. His many misfortunes as a champion, due mostly to prejudice and in some way to his conduct as a public figure, dimmed his star to such and extent, and cut short his career so abruptly that no one can really estimate him to the fullest as a champion. However, it may be truthfully said that Johnson was the greatest defensive boxer of them all. No fighter before him, or coming after him, has been able to display such superb defense as was his. It was almost impossible for an opponent to lay a glove on him.

But despite this great art of defensive fighting, Johnson, because of his short career as a champion occasioned by his misfortunes, cannot be rightfully acclaimed as the greatest of champions.

Gene Tunney is completely out of the picture as a champion. He won and held the title by running. He retired undefeated simply because he felt he had enough money after his stupendous "take" in Chicago when he fought Jack Dempsey in a return match. He was one of the weakest champions that ever wore the diadem.

As champions, Sharkey, Baer, Canera and Braddock or not even worth mentioning, much less is Max Schmeling, who won the crown lying flat on his back whimpering.

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The man who has been a real champion because of his hitting power, his sportsmanship and his willingness to meet and his ability to beat all comers is the man who now wears the crown—Joe Louis. An unbiased estimate of the man and his work would prove conclusively that he is the greatest of them all. No other man has ever defended the title as often as has the present champion. No other fighter has hit with the power that the present titleholder has so often displayed against opponents. He is not the greatest in defensive fighting, but is easily the greatest in offensive fighting, and coupled with this is his absolute fairness and sportsmanship and willingness to mix it with anyone who thinks he has a right to sit upon the heavyweight throne.

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This is not my opinion only, but it is the opinion of all fair-minded, unbiased judges of fighting ability and fighting ethics.

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'Bomber' Is Ready For Army Tour

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"I'm in the hand of Uncle Sam from now on," declared Joe Louis to the Chicago Defender sports editor in his dressing room shortly after he had blasted the hopes of Lou Nova at the Polo Grounds on Monday. Joe showed no bad effects of the rugged sixth round in which he polished Nova off with everything he had.

He sat on a table, swinging his feet, and talking to newspapermen mostly about the World Series.

"Well, Joe," queried a newsman, "your next fight will be in defense of Democracy; when will you begin?"

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"Anytime Uncle wants me," Joe replied.

The champion was informed that his tour of the camps on an exhibition schedule arranged by the Sixth Corps area will start on Oct 8 at Camp Grant and the balance of the trip of ten days will include: Savanna, Ill., Ordnance Depot, Oct. 9; Chanute field, Rantoul, Ill., Oct. 10; Scott Feld, Illinois, Oct. 11; Fort Sheridan, Oct. 13; Great Lakes Naval Training station, Oct. 14; Fort Custer, Mich., Oct. 15; and Selfridge Field, Mich., Oct. 16. Joe's tour was arranged through the office of Col. N. P. Wood, morale officer of the Sixth Corps Area.

Louis will be accompanied on his tour by Jack Blackburn, his trainer, a sparring partner, Managers Julian Black and John Roxborough.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Louis Does Not Plan To Quit Ring Title

Mike Jacobs Disgusted With Poor Showing Of Lou Nova

OCT 1 1941

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—When Joe Louis picked up his check for $193,274 today at Mike Jacobs's office, the promoter was considering big Abe Simon as the champion's next opponent in December.

This return match between Bomber Joe and the Long Island giant would serve at least as a conditioning stop-gap between now and another big Louis-Billy Conn bout in June.

After Joe's 19th title defense last night against Lou Nova, all concerned denied any possibility of Joe's relinquishing the crown when he goes into the army next month, or cooperates with the army on an extended exhibition tour of camps.

Promoter Jacobs was pleased with last night's gate of $583,821 at the Polo Grounds, but he was disgusted with Lou Nova's showing against the champion. Jacobs said the bout was so lacking in action that producers of the fight motion picture decided not to release it.

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Nova's unexpectedly poor showing prevented Jacobs from matching the California challenger with Billy Conn today, as he had planned in case of a Nova defeat. Accordingly Conn probably will get a return bout with Bob Pastor at the Garden this Winter. When Conn and Pastor fought last year, there was considerable dispute over Conn's low blows before Pastor suffered a technical kayo in the 13th.

Louis, unmarked and suffering no hand injuries after stopping Nova in the sixth round last night, said today that he wanted one conditioning fight before tackling Conn again in June. When asked whom he considered the toughest prospect for a Winter bout, he replied immediately, "Abe Simon."

Meanwhile Simon and Manager Jimmy Johnston entrained tonight for Hollywood, Calif., where Simon fights Turkey Thompson on Oct. 6. After that engagement, Simon goes to Cleveland where he meets Dangerous Lem Franklin on Oct. 20.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

19th Challenge To Bomber's Reign Halted

Success of Quick Attack Surprise to Fight Fans.

By SID FEDER.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(AP)—In one fearful explosion of fistic dynamite, Joe Louis leveled the Califorria Oak, Lou Nova, in six rounds tonight to turn back the 19th challenge to his record reign as world heavyweight champion.

He did it in a different way than everyone expected he would. He was supposed to take considerable time bringing down the powerful giant with the Yogi habits. Nova was to absorb the blasts time after time, possibly be knocked down several times.

But Joe was stubborn enough to believe his right hand gunpowder was mighty enough to do it in one short, vicious explosion. And he was as right as law.

ROUND ONE.

Nova came out in a defensive position and stepped back as Louis moved toward him. Not a blow was struck for half a minute as they felt each other out. Nova stuck a short straight left on Louis' nose. Both were dancing around cautiously. Louis bounced a hard hook off Nova's forehead. They traded straight lefts. Louis sent a short right to the head and then danced out of the way as Nova tried one of his own. Nova hooked a left to the jaw. Joe speared the challenger with a long left on the nose. They traded sharp left hands as Nova backed away. Nova stuck two straight lefts onto Joe's face and followed with a hook. Louis threw two hsort left hooks to the head at the bell. Round even.

ROUND TWO.

They continued to spar both very cautious. Nova poked a long left into Joe's face and took one in return. Nova was wild with several right swings. They traded lefts to the head. The action slowed even more and the crowd started to shout. Louis bounced a smashing right off Nova's chin and Lou came charging back in. For several seconds they mixed it freely. They exchanged hard lefts to the face. Louis was just short with a wild right hand. Nova charged back and dug a left into the body. Louis fired a left to the eye and took left and right to the head in return. Nova swung another right to the head at the bell and Louis covered up in a manner he had never shown before in any of his title fights. Nova's round.

ROUND THREE.

Between rounds, Louis' handlers were rubbing grease on his hand, and the referee warned the handlers.

Joe danced in with two lefts and then danced out again. Louis smashed a fearful right cross to the chin, which staggered Nova momentarily.. Nova shook Louis with a hard right, and Joe went into a clinch. Again the action slowed. Louis bounced a left off the nose and took a hook high on the head. At close quarters Nova dug two lefts into the body. For another half-minute nothing happened as Louis stalked his rival. Louis drove a hard left to the nose, and Nova countered with a hook to the body and a right to the head at the bell. Nova's round.

ROUND FOUR.

Joe speared Lou with a left to the face. Louis stalked the challenger and flicked his face with another left. They traded short hooks to the head and body. Nova threw a wild right that landed on Joe's chest. In close, Nova threw left and right to the head. Louis threw a hook to the head and took a right to the ear. Joe fired a right to the jaw and a left to the head as Nova fought back. Louis caught Nova in a neutral corner and hit him with 10 lefts and rights. Another smashing right made Nova's knees sag, but still he fought back. Louis banged left and right to the head again at the bell, but Nova, not even holding, threw a left to the body and a right to the head at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND FIVE.

Louis threw a right under the heart and a left to the head as Nova also hooked to the head. Joe poked a straight left to the nose. Louis missed with a swinging left. Joe bounced a left off the nose and then both were short with hard rights. Joe poked with his left to the face again. Nova tossed a short right to the ear. Louis was still the aggressor, shuffling and stalking. The action was very slow again this round until Joe crossed a solid right to the chin. Nova threw two lefts to the head. Joe poked a left to the nose. Louis missed a right hand that had every one of his 202 pounds behind it. Nova's nose was bleeding at the bell from the peppering of left jabs at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND SIX.

Between rounds the referee again warned Nova's handlers for using vaseline on the gloves. For a half a minute they again just walked around the ring. The crowd booed as they continued to box around the ring with neither landing a punch. Suddenly Nova caught Louis with a hard right on the ear and Joe countered with a hook to the head. Nova missed a right. Both were wlid with right hands and the crowd continued its shouting. A smashing right hand caught Nova full on the chin and he was floored for a count of nine. Louis charged in and hammered Nova all over the ring with both hands. Referee Donovan then stepped in and stopped the fight.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

CHAMPION STOPS HIS CHALLENGER IN SIXTH ROUND

SEP 30 1941

Joe Louis last night knocked out Lou Nova of California in the Polo Grounds in New York for the 19th successful defense of the heavyweight boxing title he won four years ago in Chicago from Jim Braddock. It may have been Louis' last fight as he plans to enter the army shortly.

The fight ended in the sixth round.

The time was 2:59 of the sixth round.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Here's hoping there is no truth in the notion that Joe Louis will never fight again! His prize fighting is important, to his people and his country, so much so that if this were not a free country it might be well to have a law passed making him the permanent heavyweight champion, requiring him to fight at least once a month, and stipulating that no one must ever beat him. His modesty, dignity, good behavior and unassuming self-respect make him the finest conceivable model for a Negro race which idolizes him and which is being subjected now to so many pressures from both its champions and its opponents.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

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By GORDON De LEIGHBOR

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That this contention was debatable was confirmed a few minutes later. "Nova was in a pretty helpless condition when Donovan stepped in between the two men at the end of two minutes and fifty-nine seconds of the sixth round," fair-minded Corum told his radio audience, estimated at more than sixteen millions.

ONLY CORNER CONTENTION during the big battle was over the matter of grease. It seems that Nova's handlers were smearing white colored cream all over the challenger's face between rounds. Sharp-eyed Jack Blackburn, hep to all of the tricks of the trade, loudly protested to Referee Donovan. Donovan went over to Nova's corner, apparently warning his handlers to wipe it off. This was done under protest between the third and fourth rounds. But between the fourth and fifth the grease was smeared on again and Blackburn again protested. This time Nova handlers refused to take it off, so Square Arthur, the ref, took a towel and wiped it off himself as he led Nova to his final desperate 2:59 bid for the title. Contention was that the grease would tend to make Louis' blows less effective as the gloves would slide off the glazed epidermis of the ill-fated challenger.

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IN FLATTENING Lou Nova, Yoga comestic punch and all, the Bomber kept from being smashed a historic tradition of the squared circle in New York City. It means that no championship has ever changed hands in a New York ball park. Nova's Yoga magic failed to upset this age-old rule of the island.

CHILLY WEATHER greeted the close to 60,000 ardent fans who jammed into the Polo Grounds Monday night. Joe climbed into the ring wearing two dressing gowns. A beautiful white satin outfit was on top, while beneath Joe clung to his faded old red and blue robe that he wore on that memorable night in June, 1937 when he caught the championship crown from the tottering old head of James Braddock at Chicago. Joe has stuck to the robe ever since, wearing it each time he makes a ring appearance.

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NOVA'S BOASTED cosmic punch, jokingly called "cosmetic" by Louis' followers just needed additional charging from Yoga to hurt the Louis who climbed into the ring at the Polo Grounds Monday night. Joe, fighting very much like the Louis of old, didn't claim any cosmic powers for his Sunday right, but Nova no doubt though a Stuka dive bomber had exploded in his face when the champ connected. The connection was made twice. Like piston on a streamline locomotive, it shot out in the fifth round, landed against Nova's chin, rocked him back on his heels. A minute and a half of the sixth round had gone when sharp-eyed Joe saw another opening, and a split second later had connected with terrible force on the Yoga challenger's jaw. Sixty-thousand surprised witnesses, so quick did it happen, saw Nova suddenly sag to the canvas and remain down while Donovan began counting. Joe leaped in to the kill and was pounding the game challenger mercilessly when a second before the bell rang, Donovan stopped the battle, awarded Joe a TKO (Technical Knockout) decision.

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CALMEST MAN OF the sixty thousand who were in the Polo Grounds Monday night was Champion Joe, never a person to become overly excited about anything. Donovan had called the two men to the center of the ring just as the fight was getting ready to start. Nova was listening intently to Donovan's instructions. Louis, who never once loked toward Nova during these preliminaries, instead was staring out at the faces of the huge audience. Maybe, he was trying to get a glimpse of Marva.

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LOUIS GAVE THE California challenger a quarter pound Monday night. Joe weighed-in at 202¼, while Nova tipped the beam at 202½ pounds. Nova wore black trunks in the ring, while Louis wore his now famous purple trunks.

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"IT WAS A TOUGH fight. Nova's very game. He's a fine fighter." These short choppy sentences, typical of the kind of blows he delivers to all and sundry who get in his path, were Joe's official comment over the radio after the battle Monday night. They are stock phrases. Joe has used them repeatedly during his eighteen other successful defenses of his title.

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SOME MIGHT SAY it was a psychological Yoga trick Nova was trying to play on Joe when he strolled into the ring Monday night with an army blanket over his shoulders. Reminding Joe of events to come in a few weeks. Joe's number is up and he is scheduled to go into the army to do all of his fighting for Uncle Sam at $21 a month. He fought seventeen minutes and fifty-nine seconds Monday night and rewarded with about $235,000. Joe said he believed he could struggle along on the $21.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAN YOU TAKE IT?

Recently William G. Nunn, Managing Editor, issued a fiery challenge to 13 million Negroes, when he doubted that they would accept a Joe Louis defeat with grace and sportsmanship.

He said that the fact that Negro America has already placed too much responsibility on the Heavyweight Champion as a good-will ambassador is evidence in itself that the race could hardly tolerate a Louis defeat.

Mr. Nunn's story hit thirteen million people right on the button for a clean knockout! It also brought requests from national magazines and daily papers for publication rights. "Common Ground," for instance, was one of the prominent and influential publications which asked for and received permission to re-print the timely and brilliantly written story.

This week, by popular demand, we are re-publishing this epochal observation on our sports pages. Seldom do we ever run the same story twice, but because of its significance, we are ignoring an old journalistic principle.

Can you take it? If you can, turn to the sports pages and read Bill Nunn's "punch" story which will jolt you like a Louis upper-cut . . . This Week!

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Also a Champ Speaker —NYU Prof.

Joe Louis is not only a champion boxer but also a champion extemporaneous speaker, Professor Elmer E. Nyberg declared yesterday before his public speaking class in the School of Commerce of New York University.

"There is no one in the sports world today who compares with Louis in tactful public speaking," Professor Nyberg said.

"Despite the fact that Louis is called upon to do his speaking under the most difficult possible conditions — just after he has gone through a tough contest—he has never failed to be modest in victory nor failed to praise his opponent."

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

A SERIOUS LOUIS ENDS TRAINING FOR NOVA BATTLE

BY ARCH WARD.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Greenwood Lake, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Supporters of the Brooklyn Dodgers this morning were trying to shake off their victory hangover. Up in the Bronx, Yankee devotees were humming that section's No. 1 hit song—"Kiss the Bums Good-by."

There was none of the downtown hoopla in this quiet suburban village where Joe Louis concluded preparations for the 19th defense of his heavyweight championship against Lou Nova in the Polo Grounds Monday night.

Everything was tranquil and orderly in the foothills of the old Ramapos. Louis was dead serious in his final boxing drills with George Nicholson, who has served as a sparring mate for all his important bouts, and George Fitch. There never has been a carnival spirit about the Louis camp.

Jacobs Predicts $600,000 Gate.

There are two reasons why the champion's preparations for Monday's 15 round match have been more earnest than ever. First, no opponent since Max Schmeling has been given a better chance to dethrone Louis than Nova. Secondly, this may be Joe's last defense of his title.

Promoter Mike Jacobs predicts an attendance of 50,000 and receipts of $600,000. He already has $350,000 in the till, which doesn't count almost $100,000 in reservations.

Trainer Jack Blackburn and Managers John Roxborough and Julian Black are satisfied that Louis never has been in better condition two days before a championship bout. His last sparring drills today brought no new display of hitting power or boxing finesse, but his handlers explain that he no longer tries to knock out his shock absorbers as he did in the earlier days of his career.

Joe's Handlers Confident.

"Louis can't get any service out of a sparmate after he has been knocked cold," Blackburn says. "He needs that boxing practice to sharpen his timing. That's why he carries them. But he won't carry Nova, no sir," Blackburn insists. "Joe will finish him inside five rounds."

Black claims that Joe also is in peak mental condition for this battle.

"The trouble between Joe and Marva is all over," Black said today. "She is coming to town Sunday. She won't attend the fight, because she can't stand to see Joe take a punch, but she'll be waiting for him in their Harlem apartment after the fight."

Domestic trouble was said to be worrying Louis before his recent bouts with Billy Conn and Buddy Baer, altho he gave little evidence of it in the ring.

All Joe Wants Is a Fight.

The champion, cool and sphinx-like as he was when he was competing for Golden Gloves, isn't worried about Nova.

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That this contention was debatable was confirmed a few minutes later. "Nova was in a pretty helpless condition when Donovan stepped in between the two men at the end of two minutes and fifty-nine seconds of the sixth round," fair-minded Corum told his radio audience, estimated at more than sixteen millions.

ONLY CORNER CONTENTION during the big battle was over the matter of grease. It seems that Nova's handlers were smearing white colored cream all over the challenger's face between rounds. Sharp-eyed Jack Blackburn, hep to all of the tricks of the trade, loudly protested to Referee Donovan. Donovan went over to Nova's corner, apparently warning his handlers to wipe it off. This was done under protest between the third and fourth rounds. But between the fourth and fifth the grease was smeared on again and Blackburn again protested. This time Nova handlers refused to take it off, so Square Arthur, the ref, took a towel and wiped it off himself as he led Nova to his final desperate 2:59 bid for the title. Contention was that the grease would tend to make Louis' blows less effective as the gloves would slide off the glazed epidermis of the ill-fated challenger.

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IN FLATTENING Lou Nova, Yoga comestic punch and all, the Bomber kept from being smashed a historic tradition of the squared circle in New York City. It means that no championship has ever changed hands in a New York ball park. Nova's Yoga magic failed to upset this age-old rule of the island.

CHILLY WEATHER greeted the close to 60,000 ardent fans who jammed into the Polo Grounds Monday night. Joe climbed into the ring wearing two dressing gowns. A beautiful white satin outfit was on top, while beneath Joe clung to his faded old red and blue robe that he wore on that memorable night in June, 1937 when he caught the championship crown from the tottering old head of James Braddock at Chicago. Joe has stuck to the robe ever since, wearing it each time he makes a ring appearance.

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NOVA'S BOASTED cosmic punch, jokingly called "cosmetic" by Louis' followers just needed additional charging from Yoga to hurt the Louis who climbed into the ring at the Polo Grounds Monday night. the Joe, fighting very much like the Louis of old, didn't claim any cosmic powers for his Sunday right, but Nova no doubt though a Stuka dive bomber had exploded in his face when the champ connected. The connection was made twice. Like piston on a streamline locomotive, it shot out in the fifth round, landed against Nova's chin, rocked him back on his heels. A minute and a half of the sixth round had gone when sharp-eyed Joe saw another opening, and a split second later had connected with terrible force on the Yoga challenger's jaw. Sixty-thousand surprised witnesses, so quick did it happen, saw Nova suddenly sag to the canvas and remain down while Donovan began counting. Joe leaped in to the kill and was pounding the game challenger mercilessly when a second before the bell rang, Donovan stopped the battle, awarded Joe a TKO (Technical Knockout) decision.

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CALMEST MAN OF the sixty thousand who were in the Polo Grounds Monday night was Champion Joe, never a person to become overly excited about anything. Donovan had called the two men to the center of the ring just as the fight was getting ready to start. Nova was listening intently to Donovan's instructions. Louis, who never once loked toward Nova during these preliminaries, instead was staring out at the faces of the huge audience. Maybe, he was trying to get a glimpse of Marva.

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LOUIS GAVE THE California challenger a quarter pound Monday night. Joe weighed-in at 202¼, while Nova tipped the beam at 202½ pounds. Nova wore black trunks in the ring, while Louis wore his now famous purple trunks.

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"IT WAS A TOUGH fight. Nova's very game. He's a fine fighter." These short choppy sentences, typical of the kind of blows he delivers to all and sundry who get in his path, were Joe's official comment over the radio after the battle Monday night. They are stock phrases. Joe has used them repeatedly during his eighteen other successful defenses of his title.

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SOME MIGHT SAY it was a psychological Yoga trick Nova was trying to play on Joe when he strolled into the ring Monday night with an army blanket over his shoulders. Reminding Joe of events to come in a few weeks. Joe's number is up and he is scheduled to go into the army to do all of his fighting for Uncle Sam at $21 a month. He fought seventeen minutes and fifty-nine seconds Monday night and rewarded with about $235,000. Joe said he believed he could struggle along on the $21.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAN YOU TAKE IT?

Recently William G. Nunn, Managing Editor, issued a fiery challenge to 13 million Negroes, when he doubted that they would accept a Joe Louis defeat with grace and sportsmanship.

He said that the fact that Negro America has already placed too much responsibility on the Heavyweight Champion as a good-will ambassador is evidence in itself that the race could hardly tolerate a Louis defeat.

Mr. Nunn's story hit thirteen million people right on the button for a clean knockout! It also brought requests from national magazines and daily papers for publication rights. "Common Ground," for instance, was one of the prominent and influential publications which asked for and received permission to re-print the timely and brilliantly written story.

This week, by popular demand, we are re-publishing this epochal observation on our sports pages. Seldom do we ever run the same story twice, but because of its significance, we are ignoring an old journalistic principle.

Can you take it? If you can, turn to the sports pages and read Bill Nunn's "punch" story which will jolt you like a Louis upper-cut . . . This Week!

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Also a Champ Speaker —NYU Prof.

Joe Louis is not only a champion boxer but also a champion extemporaneous speaker, Professor Elmer E. Nyberg declared yesterday before his public speaking class in the School of Commerce of New York University.

"There is no one in the sports world today who compares with Louis in tactful public speaking," Professor Nyberg said.

"Despite the fact that Louis is called upon to do his speaking under the most difficult possible conditions — just after he has gone through a tough contest— he has never failed to be modest in victory nor failed to praise his opponent."

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

A SERIOUS LOUIS ENDS TRAINING FOR NOVA BATTLE

BY ARCH WARD.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Greenwood Lake, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Supporters of the Brooklyn Dodgers this morning were trying to shake off their victory hangover. Up in the Bronx, Yankee devotees were humming that section's No. 1 hit song—"Kiss the Bums Good-by."

There was none of the downtown hoopla in this quiet suburban village where Joe Louis concluded preparations for the 19th defense of his heavyweight championship against Lou Nova in the Polo Grounds Monday night.

Everything was tranquil and orderly in the foothills of the old Ramapos. Louis was dead serious in his final boxing drills with George Nicholson, who has served as a sparring mate for all his important bouts, and George Fitch. There never has been a carnival spirit about the Louis camp.

Jacobs Predicts $600,000 Gate.

There are two reasons why the champion's preparations for Monday's 15 round match have been more earnest than ever. First, no opponent since Max Schmeling has been given a better chance to dethrone Louis than Nova. Secondly, this may be Joe's last defense of his title.

Promoter Mike Jacobs predicts an attendance of 50,000 and receipts of $600,000. He already has $350,000 in the till, which doesn't count almost $100,000 in reservations.

Trainer Jack Blackburn and Managers John Roxborough and Julian Black are satisfied that Louis never has been in better condition two days before a championship bout. His last sparring drills today brought no new display of hitting power or boxing finesse, but his handlers explain that he no longer tries to knock out his shock absorbers as he did in the earlier days of his career.

Joe's Handlers Confident.

"Louis can't get any service out of a sparmate after he has been knocked cold," Blackburn says. "He needs that boxing practice to sharpen his timing. That's why he carries them. But he won't carry Nova, no sir," Blackburn insists. "Joe will finish him inside five rounds."

Black claims that Joe also is in peak mental condition for this battle.

"The trouble between Joe and Marva is all over," Black said today. "She is coming to town Sunday. She won't attend the fight, because she can't stand to see Joe take a punch, but she'll be waiting for him in their Harlem apartment after the fight."

Domestic trouble was said to be worrying Louis before his recent bouts with Billy Conn and Buddy Baer, altho he gave little evidence of it in the ring.

All Joe Wants Is a Fight.

The champion, cool and sphinx-like as he was when he was competing for Golden Gloves, isn't worried about Nova.

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Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Louis Not Bothered

Ready To Fight In Army, Ring

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y.—Joe Louis, a bit more talkative than usual, says that he isn't bothered with thoughts of his new classification. In fact, the champion says he is contemplating enlisting before he is drafted.

There are several matters on hand that will prohibit his enlisting now, the 19th defense of his title, attending the world series, and a horse show that he is sponsoring at his Spring Hill farm near Utica, Mich. October 4 and 5.

Louis says that he is ready to serve his country in any capacity and that "Until I decide where I can best enlist or whether I should wait for the draft, I'm training hard. When I go into the army, I want to go as the champion, and that's what I'm going to be after the fight on Sept. 29."

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Globe and Independent
Nashville, Tenn.

GIVE JOE A COMMISSION

Undoubtedly it would be an act of fairness and one that would bolster the morale of the colored soldiers in army camps, should the authorities give Joe Louis, who is the hero of all of these boys, a commission. Such an appointment would serve in some degree to assuage the bitterness which Negroes generally feel over the mean treatment Negro soldiers have received in several army camps and in towns close to them.

It is no secret that the morale of the entire Negro race was never lower on the eve of the nation's entrance into war, than it is at present. All that can be done to remedy this unfortunate condition should be done at once. We join in the hope of all the friends of the heavyweight champion that he will be given a position where he can best serve his country in the present crisis.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

LOUIS READY TO FIGHT, IN RING OR THE ARMY

SEP 14 1941

May Enlist After Nova Battle.

BY EDWARD BURNS.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

(Picture on page 3, Sports.)

Greenwood Lake, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, and his astute and cautious guardians and managers, John Roxborough and Julian Black, were asked this afternoon to weave together a skein of contradictory items anent patriotism and pugilism, shooting and shadow boxing, the inspiring martial roll of drums and the clicks of spinning turnstiles.

Joe says he is ready to join the army immediately, and now is debating whether to enlist or await the processes of the draft. He says he is delaying enlistment now, pending the fulfilment of several pressing sports matters—his 19th defense of his title against Lou Nova in the Polo Grounds, New York, Sept. 29; attendance at the world series, which opens in Yankee stadium Oct. 1, and his personally sponsored horse show, which will be held at Joe's Spring Hill farm, near Utica, Mich., Oct. 4 and 5.

Louis Seems Sincere.

We became convinced that Joe wants to get into the service. He is married and he will be 28 years old next May 13. He has been a fine citizen, before and since he became champion of the world, and has friends who should be able to do him some good if he wanted to pull the big duck. But he says he is ready to do any kind of patriotic service, from kitchen police to riding his thorobred steed, Flash, in a cavalry charge.

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Joe wasn't loquacious, at this late date. But he seemed sincere as he talked of army life today. Some of the fancy writers recently have been giving Joe's talks on war a good old Dixie flavor by writing his statements in plantation dialect. We have been in every southern state, also Detroit, Joe's adopted home, but every time we try to print dialect we get mixed up with mid-Indiana. So we hereby are quoting Joe straightaway and, besides, he never told us "Ah sure is honin' to git a shootin' piece in mah han's."

He's Ready for Anything.

Said Champion Louis: "I'm anxious to do anything the government wants me to do. I've said before I'm not choosey and, unless I enlist after the Nova fight, I'm ready to go along just like all the other boys who are drafted.

the naval reserve, former heavyweight champion of the world] is doing some good work in the navy and I would like to do something like he's doing, but, at the same time, standing ready to get into the fighting if the shooting starts."

"I can do anything in a parachute or behind a gun that Max Schmeling has done and I hope people will believe me when I say I'll be just as willing as they say Max is.

"Until I decide where I can best enlist or whether I should wait for the draft, I'm training hard. When I go into the army, I want to go as the champion, and that's what I'm going to be after the fight on Sept. 29."

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Managers Keep Hands Off.

It has been hinted that Managers Roxborough and Black, tho good American citizens, have not been seen waving flags in an attempt to stir Champion Joe to a patriotic frenzy. We found them skittish about discussing certain phases of Joe's impending enlistment or induction into the army. But both appear sincere in their stated determination not to influence Joe in asking restoration of the 3-A deferment, which Joe's draft board in Chicago recently moved up to 1-A.

Said Roxborough: "Before the selective service board in Chicago decided to change Joe's rating, we had accepted an invitation from high army officials of the 6th corps area for Joe to spar in exhibitions at Great Lakes, Camp Grant, Rantoul field, Camp Custer, Selfridge field, and other camps in Illinois and Michigan. All of us had hoped that this would lead to Joe's enlistment and a chance to do moral building work of the kind Lieutenant Commander Tunney and other athletes are doing in the navy. Then came the action of the Chicago draft board.

The Champion Is Popular.

"I'd be insincere if I said I wanted Joe to become a supposedly obscure boy in a draft camp. I know his popularity [Joe's biggest gate was $1,015,012 for the second Schmeling fight and the Max Baer-Louis affair went over $1,000,000] and I know he could continue to be a credit to his race and sport in a morale post until such time as actual fighting begins.

"I also know he is the most obedient human I ever saw and will happily accept any order of a superior officer. He's showed in many ways he's an unspoiled boy, and the army should have no reluctance about utilizing his sports talents until such time as he is needed on the firing line.

"Tho there are a dozen boxers in the naval reserve and a few in the army who have been able to get furloughs for professional engagements, we are seeking no matches of any kind for any date subsequent to the Nova fight. We expect to handle Joe's private business affairs while he is in the army, but will seek no furloughs for boxing matches."

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Huge Crowd Expected To View Battle

Challenger Is Confident Cosmic Punch Will Stop Champion

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Joe Louis puts his world heavyweight championship on the line for the 19th and possibly the last time tomorrow night in the Polo Grounds.

Before a huge crowd, which Promoter Mike Jacobs expects will reach the 60,000 mark, the brown bomber who came out of the Alabama cotton fields to a spot among the all-time greats of the rings meets the ex-collegian, Lou Nova, by far the most determined and physically strongest challenger he has faced since the night he rolled to the throne over gallant Jim Braddock back in 1937.

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The bout has caught the fancy of the faithful so famously that the gate probably will mark a return of the good old days of the fight game. Jacobs estimates $600,000 will be in the house, which would put this tussle 11th on the all-time list headed by the $2,658,660 Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney drew in their second fight.

Louis and Nova wheel out their artillery and start shooting at 9 p.m. (Montgomery time) and the consensus is that the cease fire order will have sounded long before the 15-round derby route is run. Louis is 5 to 13 in the betting to finish on top and go into the army next month still the head man, boasting the greatest record as defender of the crown any champion has ever written into the books. All the champions combined, before Louis, were only able to put up a total of 23 successful defenses. He has 18 to his own right now.

Despite Joe's poor showing against Billy Conn in his last start—last June—as well as the fact he no longer is the killer who hit 'em and wrecked 'em in his prime, the gambling men believe Nova's giant strength and conviction of victory aren't enough to end the record reign as king of the ring.

Joe has improved since his last fight. Then he was worried over a marital mixup with his wife. He was a tired campaigner from seven previous months of training, during which he took on all comers, about once every 30 days, in his now disbanded "bum-of-the-month" club. And in Conn he was facing the fastest fighting machine in the busines stoday.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

The Sportlight

By GRANTLAND RICE.

LOUIS, THE DRAFT, AND NOVA.

There is already much murmuring around as to what effect the coming draft will have on Joe Louis in his fight with Lou Nova, now less than two weeks away.

Once inducted, a turn that may take place next month, the Bomber will be wearing khaki for at least 18 months, which means that he will have to get the sar . Army leave to fight some time around next June that Dummy Davis got to fight Fritzie Zivic. And next June, in this world, is a long way off.

The majority vote is that the prospect of army life will inspire Louis to his top effort. They figure it would be a long, dreary winter for Joe if Lou Nova were wearing the crown that had become part of the champion's haberdashery for so many years.

"This," they tell you, "will make him tougher to beat than he ever was before."

I doubt that it will have any particular effect, one way or another. Like any good champion, Louis will give everything he has to offer in his next fight. He will get in good condition and keep shooting. His main idea always has been to win, and that will be his main idea against Nova. And if Nova can beat him, Lou will beat one of the best heavyweights boxing has known.

Joe Slipping? Nonsense, Says Blackburn

Sunday Worker
New York, N.Y.

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GREENWOOD Lake, N. Y., June 7.—Is Joe Louis slipping? Is the great champ beginning to show the wear and tear of a strenuous ring career? Is he liable to be outspeeded by Billy Conn in their heavyweight championship setto at the Polo Grounds the night of June 18?

Tut, tish and a couple of phoofs, says Trainer Jack Blackburn, in words to that general effect.

"Maybe Chappie ain't gettin' younger," remarks the shrewd old veteran, "but he's only 27 now, and should be good for at least three or four more years. 'Cause Buddy Baer knocks him out of the ring, then cuts his eye, they're saying Chappie ain't what he was, and is ready to be taken by some young one like Billy Conn. Well, maybe Conn will do it, but I don't think so. Billy, with his speed, may give Chappie some trouble, but the champ will get him somewhere along the way.

"Some have built Chappie up as a super-man, and any time he happens to get hit on the chin, like he did with Tony Galento and Buddy Baer, it's supposed to be a sign that he's slippin'.

"Any fighter's apt to be hit. There never has been one who didn't get nailed sometime or other. Especially when he's been willin' to take chances like Chappie does.

"But don't forget that any time Chappie's been hit and hurt, he's come back fighting. Only time he didn't was in that first Schmeling bout when he was out on his feet for 8 rounds. And look what he did to Max the second time. All anybody's got to do is ruffle Chappie's dignity, like Galento and Baer did, and Chappie shows folks he's still boss in there.

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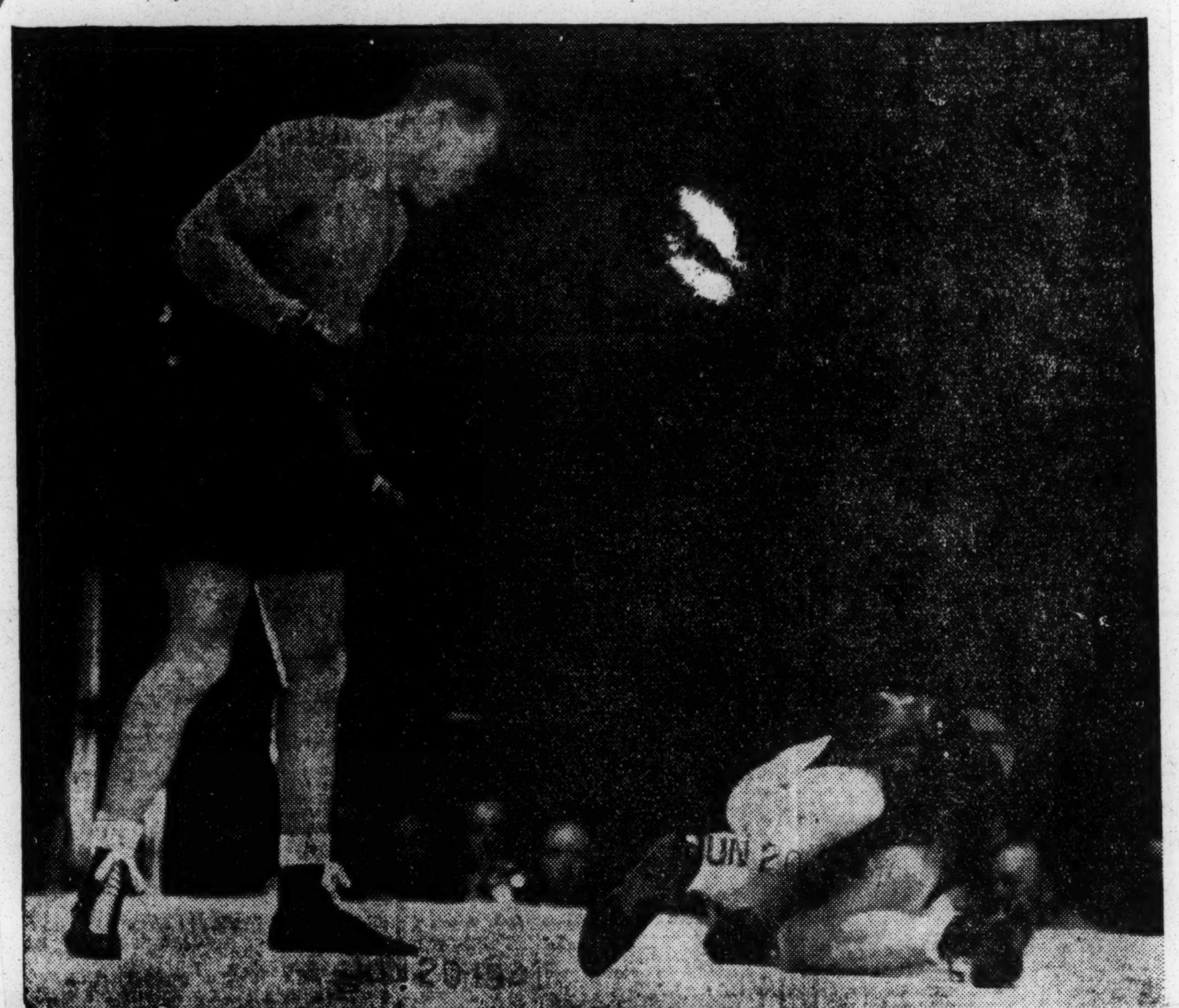
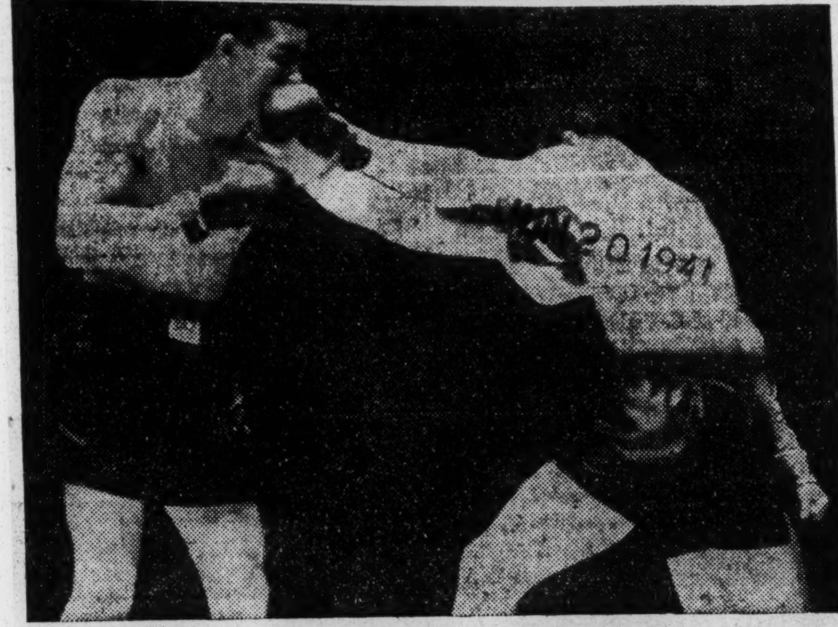
"Some night Chappie may get hit and knocked out. It can happen. After all, he's only human. But I don't think Billy Conn's the one to do it. Billy is fast and a great boxer. But Chappie ain't so slow himself—and he's a pretty fair country boxer, too. With all his speed and cleverness, I don't think Conn will be able to keep away from Chappie for 15 rounds.

"Maybe I'm wrong, but it'll take a powerful lot of convincing by Mr. Conn to make me admit it."

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

THE END OF CONN'S TITLE DREAMS





UPPER PHOTO shows Joe Louis standing over Billy Conn in the 13th round of the thrilling heavyweight fight at the Polo Grounds. Billy was counted out after leading the champ on points.

BELOW an action shot in the eleventh, when Conn had the upper hand.

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Joe Demands, Gets Ten Day Postponement

AUG 30 1941

Champion To Fight Lou Nova At Polo Grounds

NEW YORK CITY — Claiming that he has been too busy playing golf and straightening out the marital troubles with his wife, Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis demanded last week that Mike Jacobs postpone the title bout with Lou Nova for at least ten days in order to allow Joe to get in shape for the contest.

Since Mr. Louis is Mr. Jacobs' meal ticket the latter graciously granted the former's request in the matter and decided that Monday, September 29, would be as good a time for hostilities as any. The place will be the Polo Grounds.

DEMANDS ACTION

Louis was adamant in demanding that the fight be set back. He threatened that if the event was not postponed there would be no fight at all. Needless to say, such a determined statement as that got immediate action and the story went out that September 29 was the new date. The fight was originally scheduled for September 19.

Louis has been playing between 18 and 36 holes of golf daily for a three week period under a hot sun and his managers decided that he needed some rest before starting the hard training grind. Too, he has spent many anxious hours with his attorneys and in court trying to settle his differences with his wife. They have worried him considerably, his managers assert, and as a result he has not felt like concentrating on training camp routine.

Now that all of that is settled and the golf season is over, he will get down to the serious business of training for Lou Nova, the Yogi enthusiast who has been popping off at the mouth at frequent intervals in the past few months and has infuriated the champion considerably.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

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International

JOE LOUIS & MARVA
They patched it up tentatively.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Joe Louis Camp Debunks Rumors

Black Says Talk of Bad Condition, Retiring Is a Lot of Nonsense—Zale Here for Abrams Fight

By Bill Newton

What's all this talk about Joe Louis not being in good condition? What about "rumors" that he's slipping, that he's thinking of retiring, that he'd like to avoid his fight with Lou Nova Sept. 29?

It's all nonsense says an annoyed Julian Black, Joe's co-manager.

"When Joe gets here tomorrow," Black declared yesterday, "the skeptics will be surprised to find him in as good condition as he ever is this far in advance of a fight. He weighs only 208 pounds right now and he'll weigh about 200 or 201 for the Nova fight.

"It's silly to say that Joe is slipping or is planning to retire just because, for the first time in his career, he asked for a postponement. When Joe goes into the ring he's in shape, and he'll be that way for Nova.

"Retirement? That's a joke. Slipping? You'll have the answer to that when Nova joins the long list of challengers whom Joe has kayoed."

Black's justifiable annoyance at the inevitable flood of weisenheimer rumors which engulf Jacobs Beach whenever Louis fights probably won't be felt by the champ, when he pulls into New York tomorrow. Joe has a calm, deliberate way of cutting these "reliable" tales down to size by ignoring them, concentrating on his business, and letting his talented fists do his talking.

He'll make his first stop here at the New York Boxing Commission, where he and Nova will go through the formality of signing the articles of agreement, as well as undergoing physical examination by Commission medicos.

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From the Commission offices, Joe will leave immediately for his training quarters at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., and Nova will return to his Pompton Lakes, N. J., headquarters.

Everything has been made ready for the champion at Greenwood. Mannie Seaman has rounded up a strong set of sparmates, and boxing drills will begin Saturday.

More than $100,000 in advance reservations for the bout has already been received at the offices of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. Tickets are now on sale.

Another champ who'll arrive in New York tomorrow is Tony Zale, National Boxing Association middleweight ruler. He meets Georgie Abrams at the Garden next Thursday night in a non-title affair, and will train at Stillman's Gym.

Madison Square Garden fans have been waiting a long time for Zale to put in a New York appearance. It's true that he has appeared here before, but that was before he became a top-flight 160-pounder.

Tony had a couple of fights in New York in the winter of 1938-39. He fought at the Garden as a matter of fact, even before these bouts. But only dyed-in-the-wool fans will remember the occasion. As a member of the Chicago Inter-City Golden Gloves squad some years ago, young Zale lost out in the finals to Melio Bettina, now a heavyweight hopeful. Tony had Melio on the floor in the first round, even though he was outweighed by 20 pounds.

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Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

JOE LOUIS

Joe Louis Is Placed In Class 1-A

CHICAGO, [AP] — Heavyweight Champion Jie Louis was tentatively re-classified by his draft board Tuesday, being placed in Class 1-A and thus eligible for immediate induction into the Army.

The champion previously was placed in Class 3-A. Draft board officials declined comment on the change.

T. O. Fentress said that the time and place at which Louis will be given a physical examinatiton would be determined next week.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Double Training: for Nova and Army

[Associated Press Wirephotos.]

"I'm ready to join the army, but am debating whether to enlist or await the draft call," said Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis to a Chicago Tribune staff correspondent on Saturday. At the same time, he vowed he'll beat Lou Nova in New York on Sept. 29. Yesterday, to back up his statements, Joe resumed boxing drill (top) in his training camp at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., and also turned his thoughts to handling a rifle (middle with Manager Joe Blackburn and below).

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Joe Louis To Be At Nova Encounter

Marva Louis is definitely to be in a ringside seat when her champion husband tackles the cosmic punch of Lou Nova here in New York on September 29....You remember this was one of her six points for reconciliation..."for to let me attend his fights"....This will be the first time the missus has ever seen Joe Louis actually earning his bread since the first Schmeling, the one where Louis hit the canvas. So superstitious boxing fans aren't forgetting this angle when it comes to betting time....Caught clever Billy Conn, with his beauteous bride at Dinty Moore's dining place and Billie thinks Nova hasn't much chance against Louis. Uncle Mike Jacobs stops chewing a chunk of corned beef to grin, "Now isn't that a wonderful boost for the ticket sales"....Poor Nova and his trainer, Ray Arcel, couldn't agree on how Joe looked when they met up for exchanging of John Hancocks for official contracts, last Friday Lou thought, Joe "looked in great shape." Arcel bellowed that the Brown Bomber was "soft"....Middle man commission physician William H. Walker, pronounced both the champion and contender in excellent condition and the matter dropped!....Both the Boxing Commission and Promoter Mike Jacobs refused to make public the percentage the two fighters are to get on midnight, the 29....The mutual silence though indicated that Lou might be getting as low as 12 1-2 percent as compared to the 20 percent paid Conn.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala

The Last Fight?

Now and then something happens in the sporting world which is of immense interest even to persons who seldom bother about sports at all. Of course, the winning of the National League pennant by Brooklyn is one such event. Another is the heavyweight championship fight between Joe Louis and Lou Nova tonight.

This is an important sporting event because it may be Louis' last fight. There is a strong probability that he will be inducted into the army next month and, even though he could continue to fight then, there is an indication that once he is inducted he may halt his ring career. Some persons believe Lou Nova will defeat Louis. Others warn against betting against a champion until he loses.

No matter what the result of the contest, if Joe Louis fights his last fight tonight, win, lose or draw, he will have brought to an end one of the most brilliant stories in American boxing.

Time, in recounting Louis' fistic history, points out the Joe has never had a fight which was even remotely shady. There has never been an accusation, the magazine says, that he fought a "fixed" fight. He never ceased to be a sportsman of the highest order.

During recent years many persons have thought less of Louis' ability because it took him longer to win his bouts. But, instead of offering alibis, Louis has never failed to admit when he had a hard time with a certain fighter. In Louis' early days he used to say, immediately after a fight, that his opponent had never hurt him. Some would scoff and label such a statement as personal propaganda. Lately the champion has admitted when he had been hurt, which should prove that earlier scoffing was unwarranted.

Joe Louis' rise to glory and fame has been typically American. But he has never assumed even once the attitude of a "big shot." He has, in his own way, done much to improve the racial situation in the U. S. Whether he leaves the ring tonight still heavyweight champion of the world or ex-champion, if Joe Louis choses now to halt his ring career he may rest assured that he will not be soon forgotten. He has, indeed, been a champion.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

CHAMPION AND CHALLENGER SQUARE OFF IN WASHINGTON

Joe Louis and Buddy Baer after they weighed in yesterday afternoon for their title bout

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Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Donovan Says Disputed Blow Came "At The Bell"

WASHINGTON, May 29—Here's how Referee Arthur Donovan explained the fight: Joe Louis hit Buddy Baer at the bell—and not afterward.

I want to get that straight from the start. There was no question about it in my mind.

But it was the toughest situation I have faced in my 16 years as a referee.

Here's what happened after Louis hit Baer at the bell:

Hoffman (Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager) rushed up to me and wanted me to disqualify Louis, claiming the blow was struck after the bell. I told him to go back to his corner and that his fighter would have to come out for the next round.

I waited until 10 seconds before the start of the seventh round and told him (Hoffman) and Baer's handlers to leave the ring. They didn't answer me.

Just as the bell rang for the seventh round Louis left his corner. I held him back and still insisted that Baer's handlers leave the ring. They still refused, so I immediately disqualified Baer because his handlers refused to leave the ring.

I made my decision and I am standing by it.

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Baer Due Full Credit for Stand

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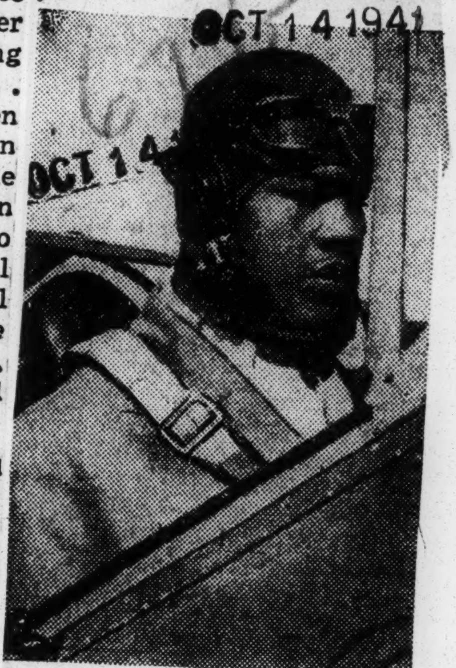

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By LESTER BROMBERG.

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Nova's arrival at the Pioneer Gym for picture posing, answering questions and some exercising marked the first time he had been in New York since Promoter Mike Jacobs set the next heavyweight title fight for Friday, Sept. 19, at Yankee Stadium.

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Lou said that his latest creation was the result of study sessions up in Maine with Dr. Ralston Brown, professor of physics, who had taught him the "cosmic punch," basic blow of what Nova calls the "dynamic balance series."

He claims it was the "cosmic" which knocked out Max Baer last April in the Garden for him. Others thought it was a plain chop right-hander.

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The big fellow says the "bullet," a gesture of co-operation to national defense, no doubt, is a straighter punch than the "cosmic" and consequently more damaging. There are also a "shock punch" and a "pull punch" in the dynamic family, according to Lou.

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They were a weird set of arm wavings, accompanied by rhythmic feet stampings that resembled nothing so much as an arty modernist dance.

But Nova is dead serious about his "dynamic balance."

"Haven't you noticed what it's done for me?" he said. "Everybody used to say I was clumsy. Nobody says that any more, do they?"

Eventually the Californian reverted to the more conventional statements of a fighter.

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Lou revealed he had seen Louis as far back as when the champion was boxing Lee Ramage on the coast in 1935 and added: "I saw weakness then which he still has."

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"My trainer, Ray Arcel, will probably ball the hell out of me for this," concluded Nova, "but I'm not going to back up if Louis gets fresh. I'll fight till one of us drops."

Nova will go to camp at Pompton Lakes on Monday.

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With **CONSIDINE**

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Mike will have to scuttle some 75,000 tickets, a considerable number of placards and the like, because the 10-day postponement made it necessary to move the site of the brawl from the Yankee Stadium to the Polo Grounds. But he escaped the tough rap. For a few days it appeared as if he'd have to return $75,000 worth of tickets and money orders for tickets.

Anything Better Than a Cancellation

The position of Nova's manager, Ray Carlen, was this: he was of course, opposed to any postponement because his fighter right now is in the best physical condition of his career. He was opposed to Mike's counter-proposal to stage it in Madison Square Garden this winter with $50 ringside seats, and opposed to the proposal of moving it to the vast Atlantic Auditorium.

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But he would have accepted any change in venue or postponement to avoid seeing Louis meet someone else in a tune-up fight before meeting Nova. Apparently that was what Joe wanted to do this fall and winter, and meet Nova next June. Carlen's recurring nightmare is that somebody will beat Louis before Nova gets his crack at the title.

Nova may not beat Louis, but he'll certainly be remembered as the only fighter Louis ever showed sings of ducking—even temporarily. One of Joe's great gifts to the heavyweight championship is that he always has been ready, even eager, to fight 'em all—fats, leans, giants, runts, fast ones, slow ones, punchers and fancy dans. If he showed any hesitancy at all it was toward meeting colored fighters. But he met and quickly belted out perhaps the best of the colored challengers, John Henry Lewis.

Joe Will Be Ready—As Usual

Louis has paid Nova the compliment of taking this fight very seriously. He was in bad mental shape during his court case, and got so far away from boxing that he reverted to his day laborer appetite for all the things a fighter shouldn't eat. What he calls laborer appetite honeymoon" isn't calculated to sharpen his fighting edge, either.

But Nova is sensible enough to know that now that the fight is on, 10 days late, he won't be able to capitalize on Joe's physical condition. Joe has promised to go into training just after Labor Day. By the twenty-ninth of September he'll be decidedly ready. He always is, when that bell rings.

Now that the fight is one, for keeps, the boys around Jacobs Beach are predicting a $700,000 gate for it. That's not outlandish. Nova will come up to the fight with more backers than any fighter who ever fought Louis. He'll certainly have more guys on his side than did Billy Conn, before Billy did so well against Joe. And Conn and Louis drew $450,000.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

Love and Otherwise

Manhattan's fanciest divorce story of the season collapsed as *Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt* suddenly dropped her suit against her young sportsman husband and "an amicable separation" was announced. In Chicago *Joe Louis* and his Marva suddenly became reconciled in the midst of a battle over temporary alimony. Joe carried her from a courtroom in his arms, exclaiming: "Boy, this is like getting married all over again!" Announced was a "trial reconciliation," dated to run till Sept. 29—day of the Nova fight.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

FDR Becomes Nation's No. 1 Fight Fan

OCT 4 1941

NEW YORK — The naiton's Chief Executive on Monday night became the nation's No. 1 fight fan.

Enroute to Washington from a weekend at Hyde Park aboard the Presidential Special, President Roosevelt tuned in on the Louis-Nova fight and joined upwards of 60,000 rabid fight fans at the Polo Grounds and additional millions of radio listeners all over the country in cheering the champion's spectacular sixth-round technical knockout of Louie, the Yogi from sunny California.

With a crowd estimated at approximately 60,000 persons, of which 56,541 were paid admissions, the fight gate of $583,771 was the eleventh largest in the history of the fight game. Louis drew down $210,000 as the champion's 40 per cent share of the proceeds, while Nova's cut came to $78,000 representing 17 per cent of the cash take.

The champion, who has already picked the Yankees as winners of the World Series which he will witness this week, described Nova's much talked about and highly touted cosmic punch a "comic" punch and let it go at that.

To the thousands of the fight faithful and devotees of the cauliflower industry who braved an unseasonably cool night to see the champ revert to his old form to chop down the challenger in approved style, it was Joe Louis' lucky night.

SUPERSTITIOUS SEE GOOD LUCK CHARM

Many of the more superstitiously inclined professed to see a good luck charm for the champ in the fact that Ray Arcel seconded Louis' tenth victim. Of the thirteen fights of record with gates topping the half-million mark, it was pointed out that Louis has been one of the major attractions in five.

Acknowledging the plaudits of more than 10,000 loyal fans who jammed Seventh Avenue shortly after the fight, Louis spoke from the balcony of the Hotel Theresa. "I want to thank all of you for pulling for me," the champion said. "I did my best; thank you."

Typical of the comments in the metropolitan daily press was the declaration by Richards Vidmer of the New York Herald Tribune that "he was still the complete artist when the moment came for the kill."

Veteran sports scribes were generally agreed that Louis has not slipped back far enough for the general run of challengers to take his measure.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Soldier Schmeling Still Dreams Of Place in World Ring Picture

Nazi Parachutist Concedes Louis Is 'Best Man You've Got Over There'—Retains Popularity With Berlin Fight Fans

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By The Associated Press.

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It was with this in mind that Schmeling, a guest of the Berlin Stadium, together with about twenty other parachute troopers, sat in on yesterday's battle between Walter Neusel and Adolf Heuser. Max, who beat Neusel in nine rounds in 1934 and stopped Heuser in 1 minute and 12 seconds in 1939, studied the two closely as Neusel slugged his way to victory. The former world champion explained he might meet one or the other in the future.

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Autograph Seekers Busy

Before the Neusel-Heuser bout began, the crowd spotted Schmeling and besieged him for autographs. Then a spotlight picked out the former champion and the loudspeaker blared for silence as he came up to the ring to be introduced.

"We have the pleasure to introduce the former world champion, Max Schmeling, parachute troop volunteer," said the announcer.

Max, trim and broad-shouldered and looking more fit than ever as a result of his military training, skipped through the ropes and trotted to the center of the ring. He clicked his heels in Prussian fashion, and snapped a Nazi salute to the four sides of the hall. He was dressed in civilian clothes, and one fan shouted:

"Where's that uniform?"

The crowd laughed good-naturedly. Then it was "Unser Max" (Our Max) as he shook hands with Neusel, patted Heuser on the head and went back to his comrades in arms to watch the fight.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Louis Defends Crown 13th Time In Burman Bout Friday

JAN 29 1941

NEW YORK, Jan. 28—Joe Louis is scheduled to autograph Red Burman next Friday night and present him to someone in the third row ringside, and about the best build-up for the bout that has been uncovered so far is the fact that it is Louis' thirteenth title defense.

The idea naturally is to overcome any furtive belief that the contest can have but one ending by a broad hint that Louis not only will be fighting Burman, but will be opposed by a jinx which will slug him out of the title, and you folks would like to be there when such an upset occurs, wouldn't you?

It's a rather weak buildup, almost as weak as Burman's routine statement he will knock Joe kicking, and Jack Dempsey's also routine plug for the redhead, but if it lures even a few of the superstitious customers it will serve its purpose.

For with no buildup whatsoever outside of a cold announcement that Joe Louis will fight someone on such-and-such a date enough fans will turn up to keep the show from being a total financial loss. The opponent might be any Joe Brittlechin or a major in the ring's own tank corps, but it would make no difference.

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It's an unmistakable tribute to Louis' own drawing power. The big guy has some intangible something no other present ringman has. It isn't just his punching power. Pat Comiskey can punch. It isn't his cleverness. Billy Conn is more clever.

It's something that makes a chill sprint up and down the spine from the moment he climbs through the ropes; that brings a vague feeling of impending disaster. His impassive face, his casual, robot-like movements create the impression of something not quite human, and it's not hard to summon up a little sympathy for the Paycheks and the others whose legs turned to water the moment they faced him. You get that feeling of awe just watching him.

Added to this indefinable lure is the fact that each bout raises its own questions. There is the uncertainty as to whether some lightly-considered opponent like Arturo Godoy or Bob Pastor will stay the limit, or some highly-regarded warrior like Max Schmeling will go out in less than a round.

That uncertainty alone is enough to attract a good gate to any Louis fight, and the Burman bout is no exception. Nobody doubts Burman's courage, or his confidence in his ability to sink the dark destroyer.

That courage and confidence, combined with a bobbing style which has caused Louis the most trouble, makes the Friday bout all the more unpredictable. Louis naturally is a prohibitive favorite, but it's anybody's guess as to how long Burman will last. He might be able to bob his way right through to the finish. If a fighter like Al McCoy can stay about five rounds, Burman should, with exercise of due caution, stay longer.

At any rate, we have a hunch that the only way No. 13 would help Burman would be if there were 13 men in the ring, all fighting on his side.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Der Mox Likes Der Mox

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Times New York N.Y.

Sports of the Times

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By JOHN KIERAN

The Thirteenth Man

JUST in case anything important occurs tonight —like a knockout of Joe Louis by Red Burman—it might be mentioned in advance that this Burman has some distinctive marks about him.

In the first place, Burman is the thirteenth man to tackle Titleholder J. Shufflin' Louis with the idea of wresting the heavyweight crown from the Louis brow. Mark that; the thirteenth! And the bout on a Friday. The feeling in this corner is that one day is as good as another and that 13 is just another number bandied about in the counting department. But there are those who feel otherwise, as may be noted in buildings where the floor above the twelfth is listed as the fourteenth and there are good folk who will not start a sea voyage on a Friday. That's their privilege, and if they believe further that Burman the Thirteenth may be a jinx to J. Louis, there is no law to stay them. It's merely mentioned here because, after all, something must be set down about a fellow who has the size and weight —and the gumption—to go in the ring with the Dark Destroyer.

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Another point is that, as champion, J. Shufflin' Louis never has defeated a fighter named Clarence. That's Red Burman's first name, though he isn't sporting it in the rough pugilistic circle.

Going Over the List

This may not seem important now, but little things like that should not be overlooked in the excitement of the approach to a Burman-Louis bout. Suppose Burman should win. His first name would be a record-breaker in heavyweight championship annals. There was John L. and Jim and Jack and Bob and Tommy, and even Max and Primo, but not a Clarence in the line. Here's a spot where the duke of Clarence might lift the name to immortal fame in the prize ring.

Don't scoff, gentlemen. Take it easy, Jim and Jack and Bill and Mickey and Phil. There have been Clarences in many lines who were tough to take, and don't forget that it was a fellow named Ferdinand who put the convincing crusher on a great fighter recently, Hammering Hennery Armstrong. Yes, sir, Fritzie Zivic, when he's at home (which he isn't often) is Ferdinand Zivic.

Louis, in defense of his crown, beat off or pounded down Tommy Farr, Nathan Mann, Harry Thomas, Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper, Tony Galento, Bob Pastor, Arturo Godoy, Johnny Paychek and Al McCoy. See that? Not a Clarence in the lot. He never tackled a Clarence. That, as Hamlet remarked, must give us pause. This will be all new to J. Shufflin' Louis. It's something to bear in mind.

The Red JAN 31 1941

Still another point about Burman is that he is red-headed. In the twelve times that he turned back assaults on his heavyweight title, was the champion ever called to repel a red-headed boarder?

The first defense of his title was made against Tommy Farr, the fair-haired gent from the dark reaches of a Tonypandy (Wales) coal mine. The Farr thatch was on the light side in color, but it definitely was not red. Nathan, that Mann from New Haven, was the next in order. Nathan did not have red hair and there were other things that he lacked.

Next in line was Harry Thomas, the former baseball catcher, who reverted to type when he met the Dark Destroyer. He caught everything that Louis threw his way. He showed a fine crop of light, not red, hair as he was lying on the canvas in Chicago. Then came the return bout with Herr Max Schmeling, who was away over on the dark side, so much so that he was dubbed "The Black Uhlan."

Next was John Henry Lewis, former light-heavyweight champion, an angular Negro who had one blind eye, but not a single red hair on his head. Next was Jack Roper, the carpenter from backstage in Hollywood. He was bald. He could be dismissed for lack of evidence, but those who knew him twenty years earlier said he never had red hair anyway. Two-Ton Tony Galento was largely bald, and the phrase is used advisedly. The wisps that clung to the grand circumference of his sconce were brownish.

Times — N.Y.

Added Evidence

Bob Pastor was a tough opponent and lasted into the eleventh round at Detroit. His ringlets were darkish, with no tinge of red. Arturo Godoy who, like Pastor, was stubborn enough to take two helpings of what Louis handed out, was dark in the accepted South American way.

Johnny Paychek—a ringsider had to look fast to notice it, he went out in the second round—had a sandy thatch. Al McCoy, the last man to dispute the title (not too seriously) with the Shuffler, had a thinning crop of darkish hair.

Well, there it is. As champion, Louis never has defeated a red-headed gent. That's another point for Red Burman. If a man dug into such matters long enough, he might come up with enough odd points to make Burman an overwhelming favorite. But no one could dig long enough because, at this rate, it would take centuries and the fight goes on tonight, rain or shine. There is nothing of significance in the fact that Red Burman formerly acted as chauffeur for Jack Dempsey. All those other fellows drove cars, too, but their experiences in traffic didn't save their fenders or bodies when J. Shufflin' Louis crashed into them.

On His Own

JAN 31 1941

Against these three things that distinguish Burman as a challenger from those who went before him—his red hair, his first name, Clarence, and the fact that this will be the thirteenth stand of J. Louis Barrow as titleholder—there are at least three points that could be urged in favor of Louis. He bowled over all those other fellows. What's one more in his life? He hits much harder than Burman. And if red hair is to be mentioned, even only as a red herring is dragged across the trail, it might further be mentioned that never in his professional career was Shufflin' Joe Louis beaten by a red-headed man.

That clinches it. An effort has been made—a determined effort—to present the best side of the Burman case before battle. But having done so much, this breathless bystander must, in the end, leave Burman to his own resources. It seems a dreadful thing to do. It's like abandoning a man to his fate. Or, at least, that's the guilty feeling in this corner.

The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kan.

Jack Johnson Challenges Joe Louis To Three Round Fight

MAR 7 1941

NEW YORK (C) — Because he's convinced that Joe Louis isn't half the fighter that people think he is, Jack Johnson, first Negro heavyweight champion, wants to celebrate his 64th birthday on March 31st by boxing three rounds with the present heavy-weight champion.

Johnson made known his challenge at the office of James J. Johnston during which lil' Arthur offered to coach Abe Simon for his title bout with Louis scheduled for Detroit on March 21st. MAR 7 1941

"Certainly Louis can be beaten" claimed Johnson. "If Jimmy Johnston and I can get together on financial arrangements, I am sure I can show Simon how to do it. I could outpoint Joe myself for three rounds. After that, —well, I'm going on 64!

"Bob Fitzsimmons and Sam Langford could have done it', Jack declared. "You have to keep moving on Louis, you have to be outside his left hand. Everytime Louis throws a left hook, he's off balance. He never picks punches out of the air. He blocks with his chin."

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A year ago Johnson, who tipped the scales at 232, was in a hospital with pneumonia. Now he wants to fight Louis either in person or by proxy. Joe might be willing to box them both on the same night.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Joe Louis, The Champion

OCT 11 1941

It is interesting to note that in lending his name to an organization for the purpose of raising money, Joe Louis chose the Federal Council of Churches, whose primary function is to work for better relations between the races.

Louis has had a most extraordinary life. At 27 years of age he has been stung, perhaps, less by Jim Crowism and discrimination than thousands of other young Negroes. As the world's heavyweight champion, Louis has found doors open to him that are generally closed to others of his race. He has been a welcome guest in scores of homes. Just recently a group of white men, representing immense wealth, waited an hour for Louis to appear to pose with them for a picture.

Obviously, Louis likes being champion, likes being admired and idolized by young and old, men and women, white and black. He probably regrets that the time is not far distant when he must relinquish his title and become just plain Joe Louis, the once great champion. But that time must surely come. OCT 11 1941

The champ has said he will not retire even after going into the army. He wants to secure furloughs in order to defend his crown. Even that will not enable him to go on being ruler of his division forever. Some day he must step down if no one is found to knock him down. Then he will find out some things about American race prejudice he never knew before. Yet, we are sure his contribution to the work of the Federal Council of Churches meanwhile, will go a long way toward making his future plight a little easier.

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"How about Conn's punch," Joe was asked, "Did you think his lefts to the body in the Pastor fight were good punches?"

"Is that what they call it now . . . the body?" he said drily. Some of Conn's punches were very low in that fight.

"You don't figure Conn can hurt you, do you?" was the next question.

Joe was almost through with the preparations for his workout then, and got up to stretch. **"Oh, he can hurt you if he hits you often enough all right. He has a pretty good left. Blackburn here's always saying that a drop of water will begin to hurt you if you let it hit you enough."**

The more or less formal interview was over as Joe went into the room that houses the indoor ring. It was too chilly to work outdoors.

Plans to Carry the Fight

In the later chatting Joe said several things of interest. Commenting on one of the symposiums of ex-champs—the "if you were Conn how would you fight Louis"—"if you were Louis how would you fight Conn" stuff, he made his general plan of action clear by saying:

"Well, if I were Joe Louis, I would fight Billy Conn just about the way Joe Louis fought Max Schmeling the second time. Just rush him, lead and punch fast from the start."

That idea was apparent in the way Joe went about his four rounds of sparring. **(The four rounds instead of six was his concession to Blackburn. "But Chappie usually knows what he's doing," Blackburn admitted.)** Joe was moving in and forcing openings instead of staying back and sparring and counterpunching. He seemed to be concentrating on very fast timing on his punches to get through small openings. Joe changes his tactics for practically every opponent. He's not only mastered the mechanics of boxing, but knows how to apply his knowledge in every contingency.

At the end of the four rounds, through which four different sparmates operated at top speed, Joe didn't even seem to take a long breath. He moved right over to the light bag, where he beat a rhythmic tatoo for the equivalent of three more rounds, then shifted to skipping rope while Blackburn held the watch on him. He skipped and skipped, up and back, kicking out for variety and finally Blackburn called "Time!" and Joe looked around at him.

"How long was that did you say?"

"Three minutes, Chappie," replied Blackburn with a slight grin.

"Well," drawled Joe, as he moved over to the heavy bag, "I just hope the referee next Wednesday night is better able to count three seconds than you."

Gets 150 Letters a Day

I asked Joe if he ever got tired of the training routine, which he's been on for six years off and on. **"Oh, naturally there are times I get a little tired of it,"** he said as he did the exercise where you lie flat and swing up to touch the opposite toe, **"But then I figure it's my business and there's a purpose to it, so I don't mind."** As a sort of afterthought he added, **"I wouldn't say I enjoy it more than my morning rowing on the lake out here."** The camp is right on the edge of a large, beautiful lake and Joe likes rowing. "He can really move that boat too, when he puts his shoulders to it," his secretary, Freddie Guinyard, commented. Joe is by way of being an all round natural athlete. He shoots in the low 70s in golf, wields a tennis racket adeptly, is an expert rider and a better than just good first baseman. Incidentally Guinyard says that Joe has been getting more and more fan mail through the years and that it's heavier in this training camp than ever before. He's been getting about 150 letters a day. Most of them are from Negroes and tell Joe how proud they are of him. Several, Freddy said, are barely legible, scrawled notes from the plantations of the deep South.

Watching Joe go through his training paces very intensively, I got the feeling that he was not so much worried about Conn as extremely proud of his title and desirous of making one of his best showings in this fight—the most talked about fight since his second Schmeling fight.

The last exercise Louis went through saw 220-pound sparmate George Nicholson, from less than a foot away, ram the heavy medicine ball full tilt into Joe's stomach time after time. It rebounded as though the stomach muscles were made of hard rubber, and Joe handed it back to Nicholson for more.

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"Do you think you're as fast now as you were the night you first fought here—against Lee Ramage?"

No, I'm not quite as fast now. I know that. I was only 20 then. But you remember all the faults I had then. I was a sucker for a right, for instance and didn't know about pacing myself."

"How about Conn's punch," Joe was asked, "Did you think his lefts to the body in the Pastor fight were good punches?"

"Is that what they call it now . . . the body?" he said drily. Some of Conn's punches were very low in that fight.

"You don't figure Conn can hurt you, do you?" was the next question.

Joe was almost through with the preparations for his workout then, and got up to stretch. **"Oh, he can hurt you if he hits you often enough all right. He has a pretty good left. Blackburn here's always saying that a drop of water will begin to hurt you if you let it hit you enough."**

The more or less formal interview was over as Joe went into the room that houses the indoor ring. It was too chilly to work outdoors.

Plans to Carry the Fight

In the later chatting Joe said several things of interest. Commenting on one of the symposiums of ex-champs—the "if you were Conn how would you fight Louis"—"if you were Louis how would you fight Conn" stuff, he made his general plan of action clear by saying:

"Well, if I were Joe Louis, I would fight Billy Conn just about the way Joe Louis fought Max Schmeling the second time. Just rush him, lead and punch fast from the start."

That idea was apparent in the way Joe went about his four rounds of sparring. **(The four rounds instead of six was his concession to Blackburn. "But Chappie usually knows what he's doing," Blackburn admitted.)** Joe was moving in and forcing openings instead of staying back and sparring and counterpunching. He seemed to be concentrating on very fast timing on his punches to get through small openings. Joe changes his tactics for practically every opponent. **He's** not only mastered the mechanics of boxing, but knows how to apply his knowledge in every contingency.

At the end of the four rounds, through which four different sparmates operated at top speed, Joe didn't even seem to take a long breath. He moved right over to the light bag, where he beat a rhythmic tatoo for the equivalent of three more rounds, then shifted to skipping rope while Blackburn held the watch on him. He skipped and skipped, up and back, kicking out for variety and finally Blackburn called "Time!" and Joe looked around at him.

"How long was that did you say?"

"Three minutes, Chappie," replied Blackburn with a slight grin.

"Well," drawled Joe, as he moved over to the heavy bag, "I just hope the referee next Wednesday night is better able to count three seconds than you."

Gets 150 Letters a Day

I asked Joe if he ever got tired of the training routine, which he's been on for six years off and on. **"Oh, naturally there are times I get a little tired of it,"** he said as he did the exercise where you lie flat and swing up to touch the opposite toe, **"But then I figure it's my business and there's a purpose to it, so I don't mind."** As a sort of afterthought he added, **"I wouldn't say I enjoy it more than my morning rowing on the lake out here."** The camp is right on the edge of a large, beautiful lake and Joe likes rowing. "He can really move that boat too, when he puts his shoulders to it," his secretary, Freddie Guinyard, commented. Joe is by way of being an all round natural athlete. He shoots in the low 70s in golf, wields a tennis racket adeptly, is an expert rider and a better than just good first baseman. Incidentally Guinyard says that Joe has been getting more and more fan mail through the years and that it's heavier in this training camp than ever before. He's been getting about 150 letters a day. Most of them are from Negroes and tell Joe how proud they are of him. Several, Freddy said, are barely legible, scrawled notes from the plantations of the deep South.

Watching Joe go through his training paces very intensively, I got the feeling that he was not so much worried about Conn as extremely proud of his title and desirous of making one of his best showings in this fight—the most talked about fight since his second Schmeling fight.

The last exercise Louis went through saw 220-pound sparmate George Nicholson, from less than a foot away, ram the heavy medicine ball full tilt into Joe's stomach time after time. It rebounded as though the stomach muscles were made of hard rubber, and Joe handed it back to Nicholson for more.

It made one wonder a bit about Conn's idea of beating the champ with left hooks to the stomach.

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Odds on Kayo By Louis 8-5; Training Ends

Conn Doesn't See How He Can Lose Wednesday Night.

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 16.—(AP)—Broadway had its second New Year's Eve celebration of the year today as the "fight mob" moved in with all its ballyhoo and fanfare for Wednesday's heavyweight title tussle between Joe Louis and Billy Conn.

Sports writers, fans, and the plain hangers-on who always show up at a big fuss like camp followers tagging after an army were all over Jacobs' Beach and crowding the hotel lobbies. Bashed-beak boys you don't see once a year unless there's a big fistic shindig on were stopping you on Broadway to say hello, ask "who you picking" and inquire if you had something good in the first five rows.

This last was about as likely as for the Phillies to win a pennant. As both fighters put the finishing touches on their training today—Louis at Greenwood lake and Conn at Pompton Lakes—Promoter Mike Jacobs officially estimated the fight would be a distinct financial success, with 40,000 fans turning up and tossing some $400,000 into his strong boxes. So "hot" has this get-together between the Brown Bomber and the abdicated light-heavyweight king caught on that these figures make it the biggest thing to hit the business of mashing noses since the second Louis-Schmeling party three years ago. You couldn't buy a seat inside the 19th row ringside tonight.

BREAK CAMP.

Speed and sharpening up were the chief factors in the final boxing workouts for both principals today. Rain cut Conn's clout party down to two rounds. He broke camp immediately after taking a steak aboard, motored to town and will limber up at a gym tomorrow. He boxed 67 rounds in his last 13 days at training camp. As he finished up by poking a left hand into Mike Lucas' nose, he turned to announce "That's what Louis is gonna get."

Louis wound up with four rounds with his two speediest sparmates, George Fitch and Jim Ritchie. This gave the last-day watchers just another indication that Joe will be playing for keeps Wednesday in what shapes up now as his toughest night's work in four years.

He was still 2 to 5 favorite to come through in the 18th defense of his record run as heavyweight boss, and 5 to 8 to do it the hard way—by putting the Pittsburgh pretty boy to sleep. But Conn thought these prices were all out of line.

CONN CONFIDENT.

The curly-haired 23-year-old, who has caught the public fancy despite the fact he won't even pack 180 pounds on his frame against the bomber's 200 Wednesday, couldn't see how he could possibly miss taking the title away. He picked himself by a decision, but stipulated he wouldn't be very much surprised if he cut Joe up and the referee had to stop the fight.

To all of which, Louis yawned "That Billy Boy he talk too much." Joe is somewhat irked at Billy's "smart cracks," and is peeved enough to pick himself to flatten Conn in less than eight rounds. He'll be in there pitching at Conn's chin from the first gong on.

The fight mob is split as wide open as a hot-dog roll. Working your way through the crowd, you hear Jack Dempsey going for Louis, Jim Braddock picking Conn, and fight managers arguing one way and the other with hands raised and swinging, all the while remembering, "They can't hurt us, pal."

So much betting has been going on, what with every train bringing more Pittsburghers to town to get aboard Billy's bandwagon, that one of the leading commissioners suggested the state put some mutuel machines on the corner of 49th and Broadway and take its "cut." All in all, you got the idea the big show was in the air.

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Blackburn's "Possum" Trick Saved Honor Of Whole Race

By "MELANCHOLY" JONES
Exclusive to SNS)

JOE LOUIS and Jack Blackburn, his foxy old razor-scarred trainer, knew as early as the ninth round that the only way the Brown Bomber could salvage his world heavyweight crown from almost certain loss was to score a knockout. At that stage of hostilities, Billy Conn had a prohibitive lead in points.

In fact, Conn had gained so much confidence through the first eight stanzas that, as he faced Louis at the start of the ninth round, Billy piped:

"I've got you, Joe, and you know it."

Louis admitted Conn was about right and said he told him it looked that way. But Joe did not lose hope. Nor did Blackburn, who, doubtless, "went to school" even while his boy was out there battling Conn through the ninth, tenth, and eleventh cantos.

After the eleventh round ended and Louis was on his stool for the minute rest, Blackburn, a strange twinkle in his eyes, talked through his cupped hands into Joe's tilted right ear. I learned later the substance of what he said:

"He'll never come to ya, son, as long as he thinks you can hurt 'im. But the only way you can stop 'im is to get 'im coming to ya. So ya gotta make 'im b'lieve you've bout gone. Let 'im cuff you aroun', Chappie."

I knew Blackburn had said something significant to Louis at the close of the eleventh round. I reported that fact in my yarn from the ringside Wednesday night and WORLD readers got this observation in their Thursday morning's paper.

But the writer found it difficult, then, to connect up that terrible beating Louis took in the twelfth round with what Blackburn had been telling Joe during the rest period. It looked more like Louis, despite Blackburn's admonitions, was too far gone to execute the instructions. I had a dismal feeling, nostalgia, a sickness through and through.

The bell sounded and it looked like a break for Louis as he came back for another minute's rest, Blackburn leaning far forward, talking through cupped hands, and, apparently, pleading with Joe to snap out of it. I didn't see what else Blackburn could have been saying to Louis.

Joe returned, no spring whatever in his legs, and Conn, in a flash, was all over him like white on rice. He stung the Brown Bomber again and again.

But, out of a clear sky, things took on a new hue. Louis, with his first punch in the thirteenth round, a honey of a right to the button, rocked Conn to his foundation. Crushing lefts and rights followed. Finally, a murderous right uppercut and it was all over but the shouting.

Now, just to show you reflectively how smoothly the old Blackburn "possum" hoax worked, let's give you a complete picture of the twelfth and thirteenth rounds—during which the trick was pulled:

ROUND TWELVE—Joe jabbed to Bill's face. Immediately Joe opened cut under Billy's right eye. Conn slammed left hook to stomach. Conn heeled Joe as Louis walked into clinch. Conn hooked two lefts to head and beat tattoo on Joe's head and stomach. Joe was staggered by right to chin and fell against ropes. The champ was on rubber legs and staggered backward. Conn gambled with everything he had trying to drop him. Louis was very close to a knockdown. A right-hand punch square on the chin was the blow that put Joe on Queer Street.

I gave this round to CONN.

ROUND THIRTEEN—Conn opened with right to whiskers. Conn pressed fight, hooking lefts to head and rights to body. Conn slammed right to heart. Conn sent Louis to his heels with left to head. Joe scored hard right to head which slowed Billy to a walk. They traded punches and it was Joe who quit and held on after tussle which had fans screaming. Billy was staggered by a right to head. Two right uppercuts sent Conn's head flying back. Billy hooked a left to face and Joe staggered Bill with three rights to head. A right to chin dropped Conn for the count. Time 2:58.

Louis wins by knockout.

Research since the fight convinced me Blackburn dug all the way back to the Jack Johnson-Stanley Ketchel bout of more than two decades ago to get the clever stratagem. Conn should have "smelled a rat" right off the bat, but he was simply outsmarted.

But Billy need not feel bad, though, because the trick caught 54,487 people—including Conn's seconds—unawares. Only the canny old fox, Blackburn, could have pulled such a "sleeper."

Thanks to Blackburn, that cagy old devil, the honor of a conspicuously oppressed minority race was saved.

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MARVA TROTTER LOUIS

He & She

Joe Louis socked her twice, said high-styled Marva Trotter, suing for divorce. She also asked a cut of the $800,000 she says the Champ has salted away out of his $2,000,000 earnings (*see p. 46*). Joe denied everything. "We had arguments," he said, "but I thought them was settled. Lotsa married folks have 'em." Shortly Joe left for Chicago to try to settle this one.

Meantime, *Billy Conn*, the almost-champ, pulled a sneak wedding to 19-year-old Mary Louise Smith, went into hiding at Promoter Mike Jacobs' home in Rumson, N.J. Reason: her father had threatened to knock Billy silly if they did it.

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Washington, D. C.

Jack Dempsey Is Worrying Louis Camp

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By the Associated Press

New York, Jan. 29.—Jack Dempsey is better known around and about for his "sock-o-logg" than his psychology.

But, as "Dr. Jack," he has applied to Friday night's heavyweight title tussle between Red Burman and Joe Louis a distinct master-minding touch which has the Bomber's fistic family at least a little upset, if not downright worried.

Everyone has been telling Louis' handlers for weeks that Red doesn't stand a chance in there against the champion's big guns; that Joe probably can name the round and the punch. Yet, the Bomber's brain trust has asked, on more than one occasion, "what will Dempsey pull?"

Has a Weakness

They know that the old Manassa Mauler won't be in the ring Friday, that the Baltimore redhead is strictly on his own once that bell rings. They also know, however, that for the last couple of years Jack has been roaming up and down the country telling one and all Louis is a good fighter, but "there's a definite weakness in his style." They wonder, as a result, if, by some chance, Jack may have something up his sleeve which will turn his 10 to 1 shot protege, Burman, into the surprise package to end all surprise packages.

What Jack means by a weakness, he explained today, is that Louis' Achilles heel is in his head.

"He can't take a punch around the head," Jack insisted. "Schmeling knocked him out, Galento had him groggy and Braddock and Jorge Brescia had him on the floor.

"Any style of attack that is at all unusual mixes Joe up. Well, Burman has a crouching, weaving style and has learned a couple of things about throwing hooks to the body out of a crouch. He's also a dead game fella. I won't say he's a cinch to win, but he's got more than a chance.

"Sure, we're trying to worry the Louis crowd. We've got to try every angle we can think of. When you're up against a guy like the champ, who is a great puncher, you've got to fight fire with fire."

All Favor Louis

Jack was one of the very few who still give Burman a chance. In fact, Jack and Red just about completed the membership list of the Burman cheering and chowder society. Just about everyone else thinks that Joe will go home early from work Friday night, and that there is little reason to even have the clause in the contract for the bout calling for a return match in 90 days if Burman pulls this one out of the hat.

Promoter Mike Jacobs reported business picking up at the box-office and estimated a crowd of more than 15,000 customers would sit in on the show, with a gross gate of $60,000 and up likely.

Challenger Is Floored By A Hard Right To The Heart

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16,000 Jam Garden To See Bomber Defend His Crown For The Thirteenth Time

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By JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis ended the gallant attempt of Clarence (Red) Burman of Baltimore to dethrone him tonight by knocking out the challenger in the fifth round before 16,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.

Louis achieved his 13th successful title defense when Referee Frankie Fullam counted out the red-haired Maryland Irishman at 2:49 of the fifth round, after the blood-smeared challenger had wilted to the floor from a hard right smash to the stomach. As Burman fell Louis gave him the coup de grace with a left hook to the head.

When Burman's handlers dragged him to the corner, the crowd gave him a thundering ovation because he had made one of the most determined efforts of any of the parade of Louis challengers.

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Burman, disciple of Jack Dempsey, had the heart of a champion tonight, but not the equipment. That was evident in the first round, when the heavier, faster and rangier Brown Bomber landed the more damaging punches although Burman forced the fighting.

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Burman's knockout trip to the deck was the lone knockdown of the abbreviated bout which was scheduled for 15 rounds. However, in the third session—the only one that Red won—Louis slipped in Burman's corner, after missing a punch, and sprawled to the canvas, half through the ropes.

Champion Joe looked much better tonight than he did on Dec. 16 at Boston when he kayoed Al McCoy. He was punching more accurately and seemed surer of himself.

Burman used the Dempsey bob and weave tonight, while the old Manassa Mauler looked on from a ringside seat. But though Burman had Dempsey's technique, he lacked Mr. Manassa's dynamite when he landed.

At the opening of every round, Burman tore after Louis—boring into the taller champion from his crouch. Bomber Joe seemed unimpressed by Burman's blows to the body, but at times when Red landed hooks to Joe's head, the champion was a bit flustered.

Louis suffered a slight gash under his right eye in the opening round, the first time he had been cut in 49 professional bouts. Burman suffered a similar gash in the second round. His nose started bleeding badly in the fourth, and his left eye was gashed badly in the fifth.

It was the first time that Burman ever had taken the count in 54 professional bouts, although he suffered a technical knockout from John Henry Lewis back in 1936. And as Louis registered his second title defense within seven weeks, the Bomber achieved his 41st kayo.

Burman absorbed severe punishment in the second round when Louis pinned him to the ropes and battered him with a barrage of hooks to the head. However, Red weathered this storm and continued to pursue the back-pedaling champion. In the third, Red had a slight margin forcing the champion about the ring and landing the most blows, before and after jolting Joe's slip to the canvas.

Burman fought desperately in the fourth but Louis won the session by a slight margin after subjecting the oncoming challenger to severe punishment.

Red kept after the champion in the fifth, but was rocked repeatedly with hooks and uppercuts to the face. As they went into the ropes, Louis smashed Red with a hard right to the belly. Red wilted and got the final left hook on the chin as he went down. He fell half through the ropes, with the lower strand supporting his body as his knees rested on the canvas on one side and his face and arms on the canvas on the other side.

Louis had a weight advantage of 14 1-2 pounds, scaling 202 1-2 to Burman's 188. This was the heaviest the bomber has weighed for a title defense.

In the dressing room, Louis praised the challenger for his game bid. He said, "Burman's the first man I fought since Galento who really went after me. I guess that knockout punch was the hardest blow I ever threw. I pulled him into it. It's the first time I ever knocked anybody out with a body punch. Yes, Red hit me a couple of good shots, but I was never hurt."

Joe said he suffered the gash below his eye when butted, coming into a clinch.

Burman explained, "He never really hurt me until whatever happened—happened in that fifth round. I ran him all over the ring, didn't I? Give me a few fights under my belt and then a return with Louis and I'll be champion. This was the first good fight I've had in two years, and you can't get into shape fighting bums. Why don't they give me a crack at Billy Conn, now?"

In the six-round semi-final, staged after the main event, Holman Williams, 154 1-2, Detroit, outpointed Ernest Robinson, 146 1-4, New York.

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced the paid attendance 18,061 persons and gross gate as $62,899, the smallest gate Louis ever drew for a title defense.

Round One

Louis waited in his own corner as Burman walked across the ring. In a half clinch, Burman threw two short overhand rights to the ear. Burman bounced. Louis caught Burman near a neutral corner and shook him with right and left to the head. Burman crowded it and threw a hard left and a short overhand right to the head. Joe jabbed Red's nose twice with his left. Burman hooked two lefts to the body as he backed Joe into his own corner. Louis fired a right to the face and a left to the body. Burman bounced two straight lefts off Joe's nose and swung a right to the ribs. Louis hooked a hard left to the head but took a right to the head in return. Burman stabbed Louis with a long left to the nose. Joe bounced left, right and left off Red's race, but Burman came back with both hands to the body at the bell.

Louis's round.

Round Two

As Louis handlers worked on him between rounds, it was noted he had a very slight cut over his right eye. Burman swung an overhand right to the ear but received a left to the body in return. Red crouched in close and fired two solid rights to Joe's face. Louis nailed Red with a slashing right uppercut. Louis bounced a right off the chin and took a left to the body in return. Louis measured Burman against the ropes and threw both hands to the body. Louis nailed Burman with a left hook but Red drove back fast and banged a right off Joe's jaw. Louis backed away and whacked Red with a right cross, as Burman crowded in Louis pummeled him with both hands about the head. Burman bounced a right off the face. Joe, in a half-clinch, threw left and right to the body. They traded rights to the head. Louis threw a one-two to the face and fired a right to the ear at the bell.

Louis's round.

Round Three

Burman hooked a left to the jaw. In close, Red threw both hands at the body. Louis shook Red with a hard hook to the ear. Then Joe measured him with two smashing right crosses as Burman crowded in close. Burman bounced a hard hook off Joe's face and Louis slipped under the lower strand of the rope to one knee. He was up immediately and it was not a knockdown but a fall. Louis caught Burman in mid-ring and fired both hands to the head. Louis backed away and blasted with both hands to the head. Joe was just short with a right uppercut and Burman rushed in and connected with a solid left to the

cheek. They traded smashing rights to the face as Burman went into his crouch again at the bell.

Louis's round.

Round Four

Louis backed away from Red's rush and stabbed with his left. Burman leaped in with three hard lefts to the face that sent Joe backing away to his own corner. In close, they dug away at each other's body. Louis smashed Red with a hard right cross but it seemed to have no effect on the Baltimore belter. Another right drew blood from Red's nose. In close, they mauled each other about the body. Louis straightened Burman up with right uppercuts. Louis bounced a crashing one-two off Red's chin, but still Burman crowded in. Red nailed Joe with a left and a right to the face. Burman threw a right to the head. Burman hooked Joe with a hard left to the head but received another left jab on his nose. They exchanged right swings to the face at the bell.

Burman's round.

Round Five

Burman dug a hard right under Joe's heart. Louis appeared to be boxing more cautiously now. A straight hard left cut Burman's left eye just at the eyebrow. Louis smashed both hands to the head as Burman came roaring in with a hook to the body. Louis hooked a left to the chin. Joe crossed a hard right to the jaw but took a right just under the ear himself. Burman hooked a left to the body but took a left and right to the face. In close, Louis did considerable damage with both hands and Red appeared hurt. Louis fired his left to the head and body and a right uppercut to Red's sore eye. A smashing right floored Burman. Joe floored Burman with a terrific right hand shot under the heart. Red fell with his head over the lower strand of the ropes near his own corner and was there when Referee Fullam completed his count, with Louis the winner in 2:49 of the fifth round.

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Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

Brown Bomber Joe Louis, Awaiting Red Burman Fight, Defended In Dempsey Belittlement By White N. C. Newsman

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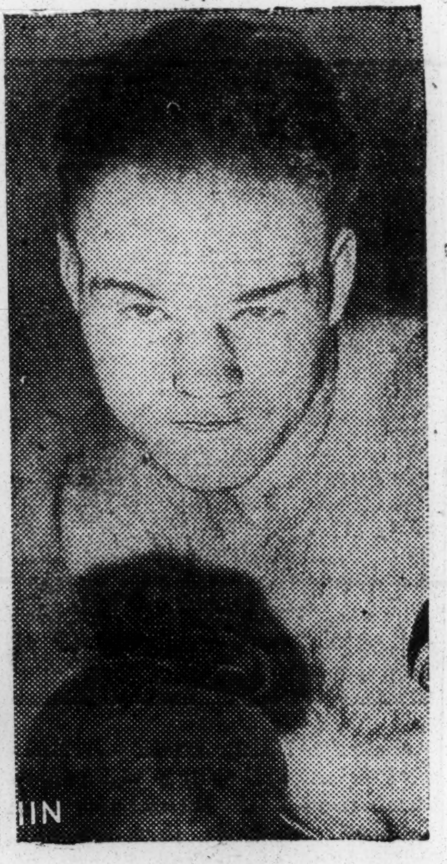
Joe Louis



Red Burman

IN ITS JANUARY 26 piece, the column stated its reactions to Jack Dempsey's ill-flavored denunciation of Joe Louis as world heavyweight boxing champion. Dempsey declared Louis a good puncher and a good fighter, but said his name was very bad for the fight game. He asserted Joe is not a good champion.

Even the white press has hastened too flay the Manassas Mauler for his unfair attack on Joe Louis. One of the most vigorous pieces by a white sports editor in defense of the Brown Bomber is that by J. Gaskill McDaniel in the Raleigh NEWS AND OBSERVER January 19. Dempsey's belittling speech was made January 15 and appeared in the January 16 issue of the Wilmington (N.C.) NEWS.

From the Raleigh, N.C., white daily, among the most liberal in the South, as evidenced by the numerous times it has run front page pictures and narratives about Joe Louis the following denunciation of Jack Dempsey's unwarranted assailment of the champion is reproduced:

"When Jack Dempsey, the greatest of them all, cut loose with some disparaging remarks about Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis at Wilmington Thursday, he was merely singing an extrachorus of his favorite song." As far back as 1936, over at Rocky Mount, the Manassas Mauler was telling Tar Heel Sports fans that Joe lacked the requisites of a good prize fighter.

"'To be a good fighter, one has got to be able to give it out as well as take it,' Jack explains in his latest rendition. 'One must have a fighting heart. Louis can't take it—at least around the head.' So help us, that's an exact Little Sir Echo of the stuff he dished out at Rocky Mount.

"On both occasions he came to the Carolinas to referee some sixth- rate wrestling matches. The first trip out he gave fans a little something extra by kayoing one of the punch-drunk grunters, thereby ending the night's doings in a blaze of personal glory. This act was put on with vaudeville regularity by Dempsey, in any number of towns, but it smelled so terrible that sense of decency made him bury it.

"In low rating Joe Louis, it's barely possible that Dempsey is letting his prejudices get the better of him. After the Negro titleholder has been fighting any and all comers since he won the crown, and that's as much as anyone could expect of a champion.

"Had Louis been unfortunate enough to be a challenger during Jack's non-too-active reign, he might have been given the runaround just as he did Harry Wills. Harry, easily deserving of a title bout on the basis of his record, had the color line drawn on him for years.

"Regardless of how one feels about pitting the races against each other in a prize ring, it must be admitted that Louis, by his actions outside the ring is a credit to his people and to this nation.

"As for his actions in the ring, they've been good enough so far to make him the busiest heavyweight in all boxing history."

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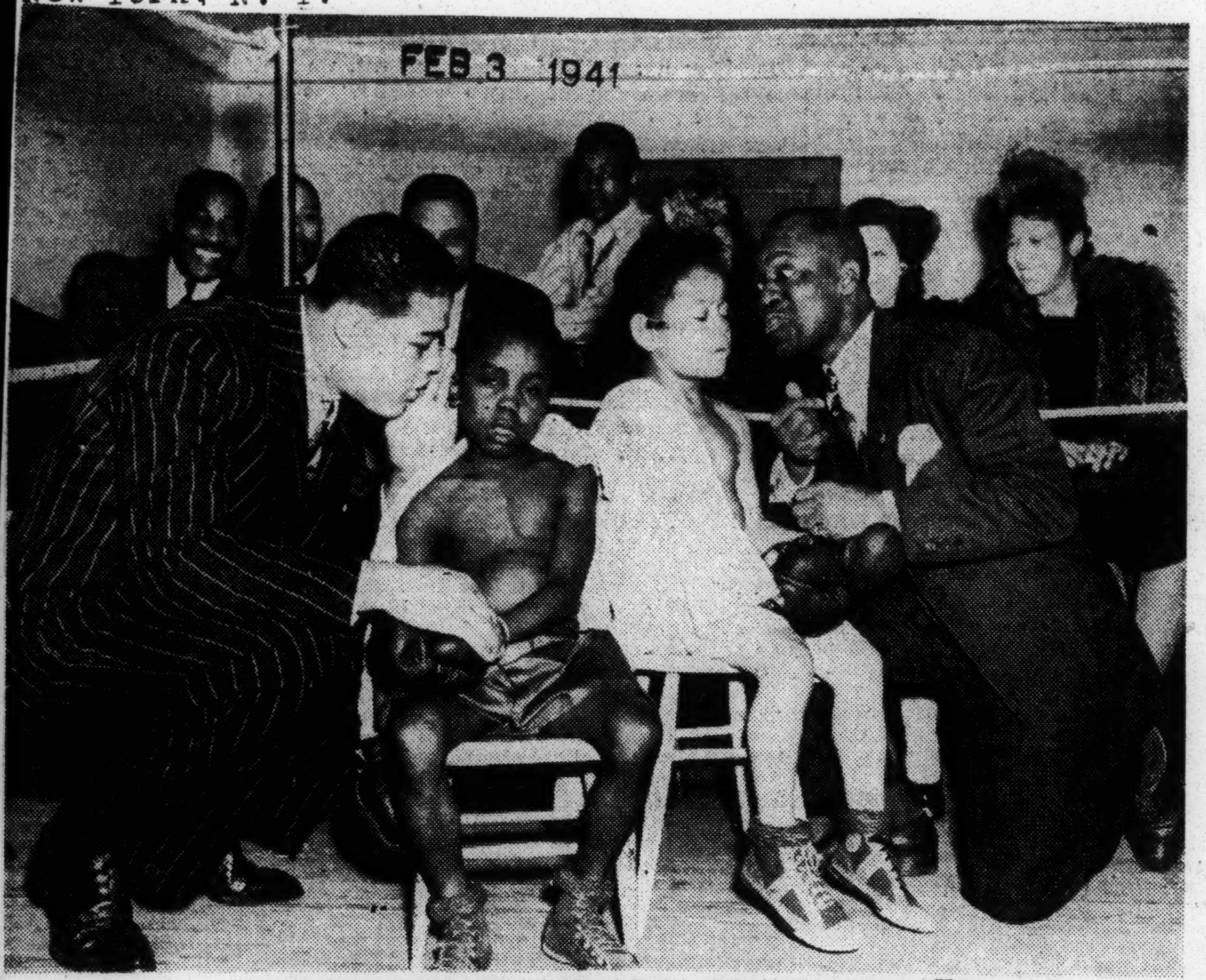

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CONFERENCE BEFORE THE BATTLE FEB 3 1941

Andy Davidson and Ishmael Aruz receiving final instructions yesterday from their seconds, Joe Louis and Bill Robinson, at the Colored Orphan Asylum, Palisade Avenue and West 261st Street.

Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, was referee yesterday in paperweight and spiderweight boxing bouts for children at the Achievement Day celebration of the Colored Orphan Asylum, Palisade Avenue and West 261st Street, an institution that cares for 200 children.

After the bouts Bill Robinson, the dancer, who was a headliner at the President's Birthday Ball, entertained the children. Among the guests were John Kieran, sports columnist; E. Sims Campbell, cartoonist; Elmer Carter of the New York Unemployment Appeal Board and Fredi Washington, actress.

Dr. Thomas W. Patrick Jr., medical director of the asylum, was in charge of arrangements, aided by Dr. Jesse Miller.

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Is Joe Louis Losing Punch? They Still Fall

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New York, Feb. 1 (AP).—Red Burman's sore tummy was much better today and Joe Louis took a long nap, while the fight folk argued about how much of his explosive punch the champion has lost.

In knocking out the Baltimore redhead in the fifth round last night with a right hand to the body in Madison Square garden, Louis did just what he was supposed to do. But before he applied the finishing touch he failed to bother Burman even a little bit with his choicest rights to the chin.

With this in mind, the sidewalk experts wondered who in the near future has the best chance to defeat Louis. The majority put the finger on Bill Conn, the Pittsburgh youngster, who meets the champion in June.

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Has Joe Lost His Punch?

Louis not only was slower in tossing his punches last night, but by actual count Joe landed 22 solid shots on Burman's chin without making a dent. And, while Red is a good, tough, solid citizen, there has been no one in the past who would have stood up under more than half a dozen of these explosions.

Joe was the first to admit that the $21,023 pay-check he picked up for last night's 13th defense of his title was well-earned. The titleholder pointed out that Red was the second fellow who really tried to take his crown away. The other, he said, was Galento. That's the kind of showing Burman put up in rushing Louis right from the start, absorbing his heavy guns and still boring in, trying to put Joe away. For his efforts, Burman received $9,197 from the net gate of $53,153.

More Action for Joe.

Louis will have only a four day vacation before going back into training Wednesday at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., for his outing Feb. 17 against Gus Dorazio in Philadelphia. After that, it will be Abe Simon in Detroit in March, and Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, in Los Angeles in April.

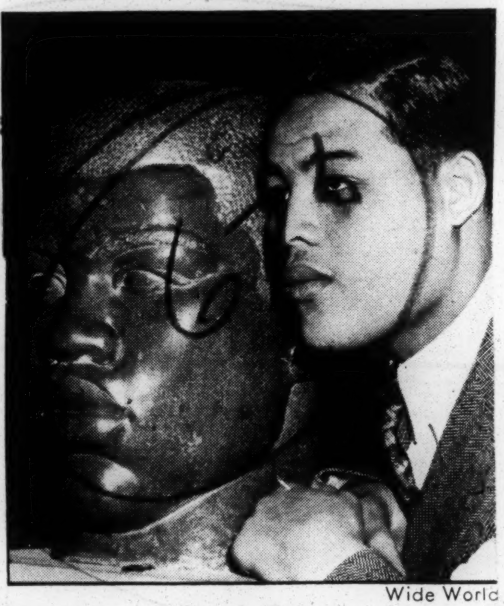
Conn, meantime, lined up some work for himself today. His manager, Johnny Ray, announced Billy will tangle with Dorazio in Pittsburgh March 10 in a 15 rounder and probably would take on Bob Pastor in Chicago April 12. Conn has stopped both of these boxers.

The paths of Conn and Louis will cross once before they go to work on each other in June. They both agreed today to take part in a charity show in Minneapolis the last week in February, possibly sparring with different opponents on the same card.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

Joe Louis got ready for his next knockout by visiting a Manhattan art gallery, having his picture taken cheek-by-jowl with Sculptress Ruth Yates's bust of the present world's heavyweight champion (*see cut*).

Invited by BBC to introduce Great Britain's latest tune was dark, vivacious Comedienne **Bebe Daniels**, star of over



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Heavyweight Champ Becomes A Father

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DETROIT, Mich. — After five years of married life, Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his attractive wife, the former Miss Marva Trotter, are the proud parents of a newly born baby, it is reported here.

Although little or no information has been given out by the prominent couple, it was known that they had been expecting a "blassed event." The sex of the child was not given in the report.

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Looking at Joe Louis The Athlete

By Lester Rodney

By the time a Monday comes around it's time to stop talking about a Friday night fight, and ordinarily we'd have stopped talking about Joe Louis' latest title defense by now. The day before the fight we discussed his career, and in the Sunday Worker yesterday described the fight itself at some length, going into Joe's tactics against Burman, and attempting to answer the always hopeful query some scribes pose every time a Louis opponent lasts more than 70 seconds . . . **"Is Joe slipping . . . losing his punch?"**

There's something else about Louis we'd like to mention today, one of those things that you look at all the time but never think about or relate properly until it comes right up and bites you after a long period of time, or until someone else with a fresh slant at the subject sees it right off the bat and mentions it to you.

"It" is simply looking at Joe Louis as an athlete. Which of course must sound a bit silly put just that way. It's looking, first, at the body and build of this great champion and getting a better clue to the scientifically applied power that accounts for those knockouts that come without wild, telegraphed punches or desperately swinging effort.

Louis weighed 203 pounds Friday night to Burman's 188. Yet it was Burman who looked like the "big man" in there. You have to really look twice at Joe's finely proportioned body to realize that here is a 200 pounder. He has sloping shoulders, deep chest, narrow waist and no superfluous fat anywhere. His muscles ripple rather than bulge. It's a body that reflects constant conditioning during seven years as a fighter, added to a naturally good physique. But don't fforget that careful conditioning—and the other unique (**for most of us**) opportunity Joe had of developing himself physically. There aren't many heavyweight champs.

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And with all his fine natural physique, Joe Louis would look a lot different now at the age of 26 had he stayed on the wearing and wearying grind on the Ford Assembly Line.

Getting back to looking more closely at Louis as an athlete, we come to his magnificent co-ordination, his scientific concentration on the job at hand, and find the perfect athletic example of the body obeying the mind without any fraction of a second delay. Sports writers say Joe is "faster with his hands" than any other heavyweight ever was, because in any exchange of punches he'll land five to the other fighter's four or even three. They forget that a fighter is not just a machine, that the mind plans and directs the blows through the split second opening in the guard of a shifting, punching opponent. Certainly Joe "punches faster," but translated scientifically that means he has simply faster and more perfect coordination between mind and body.

A perfect example of that trait came in the third round of the Burman fight, when Joe slipped on the wet canvas in Red's corner while throwing a punch and fell across the middle strand of rope. The place was in an uproar and as Joe regained his feet and turned Burman was rushing in at him hoping that the fall would leave the champ flustered. Poor Red ran into a calm and deadly barrage of left and rights that rocked him and almost ended the fight right there.

If you've seen any of Louis' fights in the newsreels you've noticed that unless slow motion is used it's almost impossible to follow the flight of his key punches, the ones that knock the other fellow down or out. That's because they are delivered with such scientific speed and leverage, without the backwinding and long arc of lesser fighters' punches. Watch too, the darting left jab leap through the guard of the other fighter and snap his head back. That jab is a weapon that could probably win fights for Louis on points if he wanted to content himself with just outpointing a foe. As it is, it progressively weakens the recipient and softens him up not a little for the knockout.

One last point in looking at Louis more closely as an athlete. Jim Crow scribes were quick to leap upon the fact that his facial expression rarely changes in the ring as signifying that Joe was a deadpan animal type who never thought or laughed, etc. Anybody who's chatted with Louis after a fight or known him at all outside the ring knows that to be just a contemptible, conscious falsehood. Every boxing writer knows that Louis is quick, friendly, articulate and intelligent in the moments after a fight when a battery of writers are shooting all kinds of questions at him. Unusually so. He'll give the boys exactly what they want and need for the deadline with no aimless braggadoccio, and with the same quick and thorough thinking that motivates his "fastest punching." And of course he'll relax and laugh and exchange badinage with writers. They all know that.

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Watch Louis the athlete closely again and you'll see what that ring "deadpan" is. It's nothing more or less than the intent single-minded look of a man applying every fibre of his mental and physical being to the successful prosecution of the job at hand.

And how this great athlete does that job!

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Bomber Risks His Title In Scuffle At St. Louis Arena

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Record Crowd Expected Despite Challenger's Slim Chance

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By SID FEDER

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—(AP)—The Joe Louis Spring carnival, playing one-night stands up and down the countryside, stops off here tomorrow night to put on its display of fisticuffs and fireworks for the entertainment of everyone—except possibly Tony Musto.

The Brown Bomber "risks" his world heavyweight championship at 9:30 p.m. (central standard time) in the arena against the short-sized slugger from Chicago, whose only chance to escape what happened to Al McCoy, Red Burman, Gus Dorazio and Abe Simon this season is said to lie in a squat, crouching style and a somewhat better than fair punch.

All kinds of attendance and gate receipts records for St. Louis fistic festivals are expected to be broken despite the fact that no one but Squat Tony has even the faintest idea he'll either last the full 15 rounds or win the fight.

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Mike Jacobs, the New York impresario who is co-promoting this fuss with Tom Packs, joyfully estimates there will be more than 20,000 fans on hand for the party, and they'll pay a total of \$55,000. Up to now, the previous high for St. Louis was hit in 1930, when 18,130 customers contributed \$48,000 to see the local unveiling of Primo Carnera.

There was virtually no betting on the outcome of tomorrow's titanic struggle. The general impression was that Louis would end the fight in less than five rounds. This corner figures it'll be all over around the third or fourth. Anything under nine minutes and 48 seconds will be better than par for the course for Joe. That's the average he has maintained since winning the title from Jim Braddock in 1937.

After the Musto bout, Louis's forthcoming Summer productions have been arranged something like this: Next month, the return bout with Simon in New York; June, Billy Conn in New York; July, in Washington against the winner of tomorrow's Buddy Baer-Tony Galento fight, and September, Lou Nova.

Louis has insisted he wants August off, because "a man's gotta play golf sometime, don't he?"

Musto, of course, could make a neat portion of hash out of this line-up by simply flattening Joe tomorrow.

But, if all you hear about Squat Tony is true, he is no Max Schmeling, although he's a rough, tough kind of a fighter.

The fight will be broadcast on the NBC blue network.

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LEAVE NO 'BLACK HOPE'

No Likely Successor Of Sepia Hue To Louis' Heavyweight Title

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By LUCIUS JONES

World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis' active career as a pugilist is being shortened by leaps and bounds. Not that Joltin' Joe himself is slipping visibly enough to cause any alarm. There simply is no real opposition in sight and, even in victory, Louis looks bad—mighty bad—against the interminable list of palookas they're "feeding" him. This can't go on forever. The paying public has already reacted and Louis gates have dropped off nearly 50 per cent. When the limit is reached, Mike Jacobs may as well fold up his tent and permit the Brown Bomber the honorable retirement talked of occasionally for a long time.

In the mind of the average Negro boxing fan, though, the uppermost question has come to be whether or not any like successor to Joe Louis, within the race, exists. I would answer that question with an emphatic NO.

FEW "GOOD BOYS"

Currently, according to RING magazine, whose ratings are generally accepted as being more authoritative and sensible than any others, the outstanding Negro heavyweights—below the champion himself—are Buddy Walker of Columbus, Ohio; Roscoe Toles of Detroit, Lem Franklin of Chicago, Willie Reddish of Philadelphia, Johnny Whiters of Pontiac, Michigan, Bob Sykes of Pine Bluff, Ark., Otis Thomas of St. Louis, Harry Bobo of Pittsburgh, Eddie Blunt of New York City, and Tiger Jack Fox of Seattle.

Walker is rated fifth in Group Three inside the First Ten. Louis heads Group One by himself. Max Baer and Billy Conn head Group Two as leading contenders to the heavyweight throne. Next come Arturo Godoy, Red Burman, Buddy Baer, and Lee Savold, Buddy Walker is then rated, folowed by Gus Dorazio, Tommy Farr, and Lou Nova, who round out Group Three.

TOLES WAY DOWN

Toles is listed in Group Four, along with Bob Pastor, Tony Galento, Abe Simon, Nathan Mann, Pat Comiskey, Buddy Knox, Patsy Perroni, Al McCoy, Tommy Martin, Al Delaney, Gunnar Barlund, Pat Valentino, Tony Musto, Carl Vinciquerra, and Bill Poland.

Also rated in Group Four are Franklin, Reddish, Whiters, Sykes, and Thomas—all sepias.

There are six groupings and Group Five is the largest of all, listing well over 100 heavyweight battlers classified as "third-raters", but there are a lot of good trialhorses in the list. A few are Harry Bobo, Eddie Blunt, Tiger Jack Fox, Jim Thompson, Jack Trammell, Elza Thompson, Altus Allen, and Henry Wacker, among the colored boys.

NO OUTSTANDING BLACK HOPE

But there is no ONE outstanding propect to succeed Joe Louis to the heavyweight throne in the entire list!

In fact, there is no three colored heavyweights in the country I don't believe Joe Louis would fail to stop, all inside two rounds apiece, in the same night. That is a sad plight indeed.

WALKER, BOBO ADVANCING

Best of a sad lot apparently are Buddy Walker of Columbus, Ohio and Harry Bobo of Pittsburgh. The latter is fresh from a highly impressive defeat of Gunnar Burland, the Finnish heavyweight at one time believer headed for a heavyweight title shot. Lou Nova, on his first upward climb before the Galento debacle, eliminated the Fighting Finn.

Joe Louis' succcessor—and it's 100-to-1 shot it won't turn out otherwise—will be a white boy. The sepia crop is mediocre and then some. Walker and Bobo, best of the present array of ambitious sepias, are still fighting for cake and coffee. Toles, a rank in-and-outer whose chief distinction, to fame is the fact that, like Joe Louis, he hails from the Motor City of Detroit, is nothing at all to write home about.

TOLES CASE STRANGE ONE

Good enough to muss up the hopes of any of the other sepia contenders, including possibly Walker and Bobo, who wouldn't be any too anxious to fight even a "washed up" Toles. Roscoe still is a hopeless piece of pugilistic machinery, where a possible showing against Louis is concerned. He'd probably last no longer against Joe than it would take you to say Bob White. Stage-fight would have him groggy long before the battle. Louis would have to throw but one punch—and it could be just glancing blow. But it's a cinch the impact would floor his man. That's how impossible Toles is as a contender.

Those clamoring for Louis to retire may continue—and with good reason—but don't look for a colored heavyweight champion again for another generation after the Brown Bomber. There's not a decent sepia heavyweight in a carload and the leading contender of sepia hue at the present time is probably no closer to Joe Louis in ability than is Atlanta 's Fred Waters.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Joe Louis' Wife Sues For Divorce

Woman Charges Cruelty to Champ

CHICAGO, [AP]—Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, was sued for divorce in circuit court Wednesday by Marva Trotter Louis. She charged cruelty.

Joe's wife, who filed the action under her husband's real name, Barrow charged the Negro boxing champion struck her first on Jan. 2, 1941, and again on April 19 of this year.

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The bill said she separated from him on the latter date.

They were married in New York city on Sept. 24, 1935. She married Louis the night he knocked out Max Baer in the fourth round at Yankee Stadium, New York.

That bout grossed approximately $1,000,000, with Louis' share of $217,337 being one of the highlights of a career which has enabled him to earn almost $2,000,000 since turning professional seven years ago.

According to the bill, Louis, on Jan. 2, 1941, in Chicago, "struck her a violent blow on the mouth with his hand" and on last April 19 "hit her in the face with his hand and stepped on her ankle."

The plaintiff asked for alimony and that she be permitted to resume her maiden name.

Louis' wife, who asked for adequate support while the suit is in litigation, asserted her only income is derived from a six-apartment building in which she now is living. The income from the building, she said, was not sufficient "to maintain self in the comfort to which the defendant has accustomed her and in accordance with her station in life."

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She contended her husband owns real estate in Cook county [Chicago] and in Detroit in the value of $400,000 and also has insurance, bonds, stocks and monies to the total of another $400,000 in the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company here and in the Detroit City bank.

The bill said Louis has an annual income from his profession of $250,000 a year.

The heavyweight champion, who won the title from Jim Braddock here in 1937, recently has been spending most of his time between matches at his farm near Utica, Mich.

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HITT'S RUNS AND ERRORS

R. M. HITT, JR.

WALTER WHITE, secretary of the Society for the Advancement of Colored People, could well afford to lay aside his anti-lynching and anti-jim crowism lobbying programs for awhile and start shouting for an investigation of Mike Jacobs.

Because Mike Jacobs is, just as sure as the sun rises, being unfair to one of America's most prominent negroes. He is ruining Joe Louis, the former Alabama cotton picker who became an idol for America's black people in a few short months.

Mike, so far as we know, holds no bitterness for the negro race. He should be very fond of the negroes because several of them have been used as funnels through which thousands of crisp dollars have leaked into Jacob's pockets.

Apparently, Mike Jacobs never reads the newspapers. Certainly he is not reading the handwriting on the wall. Or is it that Uncle Mike, in his stubborn quest for greater wealth, just doesn't give a hoot about negroes or whites who work for him.

For the last several months, a steady groan of protest has been brewing among boxing fans. These fans, who have been paying tribute to Jacobs and his caravan of fighters for years, are beginning to realize that they are the goats. The groans of protest get louder each time Louis "defends" his title.

Joe Louis, whose popularity as a world heavyweight champian has always left much to be desired, is to Jacobs what the little monkey is to the organ grinder. Joe Louis, the man who is supposed to be the king of all professional fighters, is nothing more than a Jacobs vassal who goes out every few weeks with a tin cup to receive collections for his master.

Through Joe Louis, your Uncle Mike is making a joke of professional boxing. His insatiable desire to hear the delightful clanking of more dollars is ruining a business to which hundreds of men look for their daily sustenance.

Events of last week indicate that Mike Jacobs has only a deaf ear for the protests.

From Harrisburg, Pa., came an Associated Press story revealing that a Pennsylvania senator had publicly accused Gus Dorazio of "taking a perfect dive" during the Louis-Dorazio fight Monday night.

The Pennsylvania lawmaker went even further by demanding an investigation of the whole fight business in the state. Chances of such an investigation being conducted are very slim but the fact that a world heavyweight championship fight aroused a public finger of suspicion has done and will do the fight business much damage.

Dorazio insists that he did not take a dive, that he was legitimately knocked out in the second round by the Brown Bomber. Apparently, Gus bobbed when he should have weaved. He was, according to all testimony, very thoroughly placed among the petunias.

Mike Jacobs was the man who promoted the Louis-Dorazio fight and the Louis-Burman fight before that and the Louis-McCoy fight before that. Mike Jacobs is the man who will promote the Louis-Simon bout next month.

Who, you might ask, is Abe Simon? Don't ask us because we don't know. Who, you might ask, is Turkey Thompson? All we can tell you is that Turkey Thompson is a California negro who is slated to meet Louis in a championship fight in April or May.

The same day the Pennsylvania senator demanded an investigation of the Louis-Dorazio fight, your Uncle Mike came out with a statement that he was on a national hunt for another challenger to Louis's supremacy. He hinted that this guy Turkey Thompson would be the next victim.

Jacobs also said that he might sign Bob Pastor for another fight. Pastor, as you know, has lost to Louis twice already but that is beside the point. If Jacobs needs a challenger he won't mind taking Pastor or Joe Doakes or John Doe.

The people (God bless them) will continue to pay money to see Louis "defend" his title. But this thing can't go on forever. Sooner or later, Mr. Average Citizen will wake up to the fact that he is being a sucker, first class.

When that day of revelation comes, your Uncle Mike will have to revise his money plans. We suggest that he takes Louis and six or eight other fight bums on a barnstorming tour of the country.

The troupe could cover every city of 25,000 or more and Louis could knock out a man a night. Over a period of six months, such a project should net a sizable sum of cash as there are a lot of blokes who would pay a buck to see Louis in action—even if just for one round or two rounds.

Jacobs could rent a trailer and the fighters could lay over in trailer camps each day. Louis could defend the world heavyweight championship six nights a week and twice on Sunday.

When the challengers became worn out, Jacobs could pick up country boys along the wayside and give them $25 or $50 a night to be knocked out by the world champion.

A lot of guys would fight Louis for nothing. It's not everybody who can get knocked out by a world champion, although Jacobs is working on that situation now.

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Johnston Sees Nice Pay-Day In Louis Tilt

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By SID FEDER
Associated Press Staff Writer

DETROIT, March 18.—Under his iron hat, Jimmy Johnston is strictly a Broadway guy, but you can't blame him for having a soft spot in his heart for Detroit ever since he "discovered" this industrial beehive a couple of years ago.

For, while Jimmy's iron hat is still as much a Broadway landmark as the hot dog stands, his fistic fortunes in New York of recent years have been, at best, only so-so. Out here, on the other hand, James Joy has found a new "oyster," first with Bob Pastor and now with large Abraham Simon, who is bravely training to get hit on the chin by Joe Louis in the Olympic Friday night.

A year ago last September, Jimmy put Pastor in with the Brown Bomber at Briggs Stadium here in a match that couldn't have drawn a picture in New York. That fight attracted a neat if not gaudy gate of some $34,000.

Friday, Louis and "Our Abe," as Jimmy would have you know the New York giant, should make it another nice pay-day for J. J. Johnston & Co. in the Bomber's 15 defense of the world heavyweight title. Local estimates are that some 15,000 of the faithful will pay about $50,000 to see Abe put to sleep in about four of the scheduled 20 rounds.

Both Pastor and Simon box scores should credit Roscoe Toles, the long-armed local negro heavyweight with an assist. Both fighters whipped Roscoe as the final stepping stone to the title shot.

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No one except "Our Abe" figures there's any kind of a chance for the crown to be knocked off the Bomber's black locks in this trip to the post.

If you haven't met Abraham formally, it might be a good idea to explain he tried such trades as ladies cloaks and suits, selling ice, juggling pickle barrels and prepping for Yale before he turned to bashing beaks.

Then he decided fighting couldn't be too tough on a big guy. So a "corporation" of sorts to sponsor him was formed by millionaire sportsman Jock Whitney, department store magnate Berlie Gimbel, polo-playing Tommy Hitchcock, and you-know-what Gene Tunney. A "bad press" after an early fight did as much to the "corporation" as a bankruptcy could. Jimmy Bronson fell heir to Abraham—or vice versa.

When their contract expired, the two parted by mutual consent. Finally, one day about 18 months back, James Joy Johnston was walking down Broadway under his iron hat, spotted "Our Abe" and turned him loose again.

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PROF. JOHNSON IN ACTION

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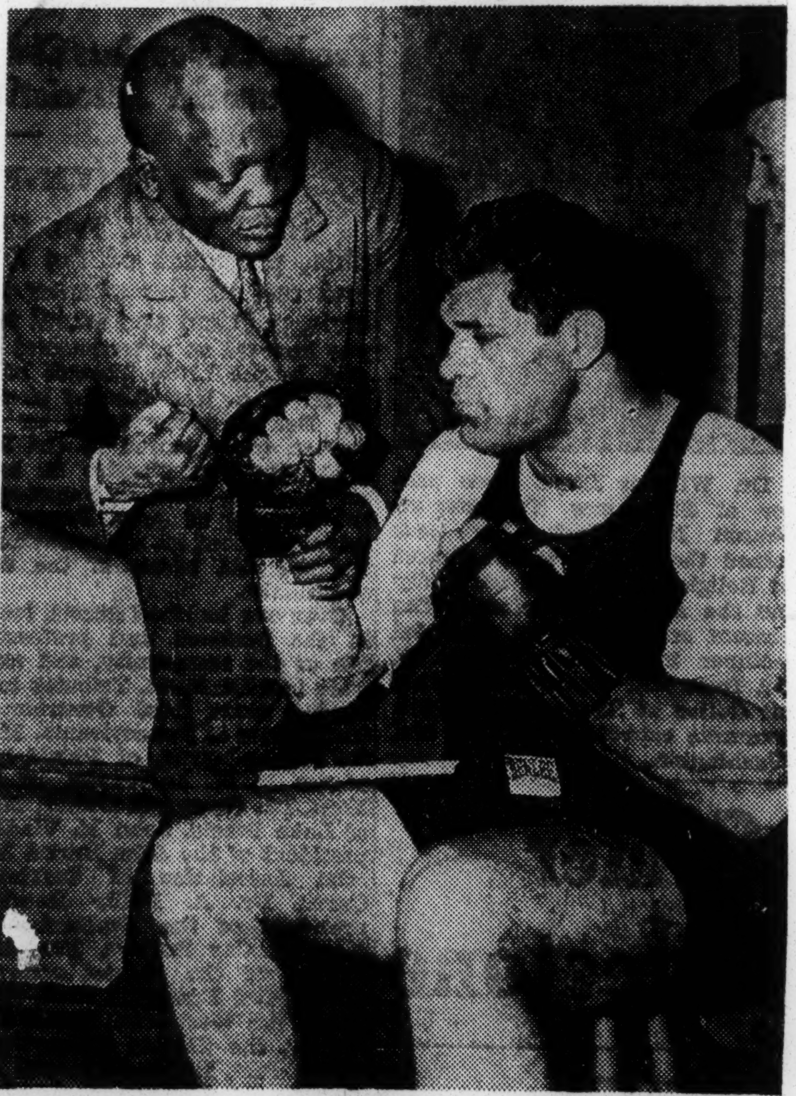

Jack Johnson, ex-heavyweight champion, gives Abe Simon (seated) a few pointers on how to handle Joe Louis in Detroit on March 21. They're pictured at Stillman's Gymnasium, New York, where Johnson, now 63, will don tights and gloves to give Simon some first-hand boxing lessons.—International photo.

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Jack Dempsey Gives Fighters Lesson

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Mauler Says Way To Beat Louis Is Hit Hard and Early

By THAD HOLT.

Too bad old Ponce de Leon never found his fountain.

As someone so aptly has said, "'Tis such a shame youth must be wasted on children."

One looks at Jack Dempsey, with his massive shoulders, huge fists of iron, dark eyes that never have known fear, and whispers under his breath—"gosh, it would be a wonderful thing if time could turn backwards, back to the Dempsey of Toledo."

The big man stood in the dressing room after refereeing a fight at Macon Monday night between Young Allen and one Woody Jones.

Men and boys filled the room, held their breath in admiration as the idol of millions called for Allen and Jones and gave each of the lads a boxing lesson.

GOES INTO ACTION.

"Don't pull your fist back when you snap it close to your opponent's face," Dempsey would say. "Keep popping it in there. And don't try to hit with both hands at once. Get your full power into each swing and always have one hand free and ready. And then the great frame of the mightiest hitter the ring ever has known went into action. Even at 45, he is a powerful, magnificent physical specimen.

Jack showed his appreciative audience now to cope with a fighter who employs dirty tactics. He demonstrated the art of poking a thumb into the villian's eyes, or landing a rabbit punch. "I'm not encouraging you boys to use these weapons," grinned the Old Manassa Mauler, "but they're right handy things to know."

Dempsey's return to this section revived the inevitable question, one which unfortunately can never be answered—"how would Joe Louis stand up against the fierce Manassa Mauler who battered down Jess Willard?"

TOO MODEST.

Jack is too modest ever to express his own ideas on the subject. But you can read in his face an earnest wish that his old speed and sharpness could return, if for just one night.

Dempsey confided this much before he caught the plane for New York: JAN 8 - 1941

"The way to beat Louis is to go out there and blast him hard and fast on the chin in the first seconds. Joe is a slow starter. He can't take 'em around the head, and a good puncher can lick him.

"Sure, I'll send Red Burman out from his corner on the night of January 30 with one idea—get Louis before he gets you."

Dempsey gives his protege an outside chance, because he can punch and isn't afraid of the Brown Bomber.

But what a great thing it would be if Dempsey—

Old Ponce de Leon tried, anyway.

JACK DEMPSEY

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Louis Earned $5,255 Per Minute In Dorazio K. O.

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By JACK SANDERS

CONVENTION HALL, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17—Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, collected approximately $23,061.20—or 40 per cent of a gross gate of $57,533.60—for his 14th title defense against Gus Dorazio Monday night.

The bout lasted just four minutes—the first round and one minute of the second and bomber Joe netted a nice sum of about $5,255.55 per minute.

Despite the shortness of the encounter, Joe had nothing but praise for the defeated challenger as he reclined on a table in his dressing room.

"Gus is a game guy, and he put up a grand fight," he said.

"Oh no, he never bothered me in the least," he answered to a question along those lines.

Joe also had plenty to say about the army; about how he wouldn't mind going if he was called.

"I received my questionnaire and returned it filled out. But I haven't heard anything more about it."

"This statement is for The Courier, Joe," I informed the unusually happy bronze gladiator.

"Yea," he returned. "Well how's Ches and the rest of the folks out in Pittsburgh? Tell 'em I said hello."

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Gus Dorazio was in his dressing room had little to say.

"I knew he could punch, but not that hard. Yes, he's the greatest man I ever met," he explained.

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Senator Accuses Gus Dorazio Of Taking Dive In Encounter

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By JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—A State Senate committee at Harrisburg today began considering demands for an investigation of "frame-up" charges in connection with the Louis-Dorazio fight, while most boxing experts figured Gus Dorazio was lucky he wasn't framed in a coffin—he was hit that hard last night.

Along lammer's lane—from New York's Broadway to Philadelphia's Broad Street—the consensus was that the Harrisburg fight yammering is merely a bit of political publicity that will soon fade for lack of footing.

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his check for $18,730.70 were in New York today when a special five-member subcommittee of the State Senate judiciary general committee at Harrisburg was appointed to study a resolution asking for an investigation of the Brown Bombers' second-round kayo over Dorazio last night

Dorazio had hardly shaken the cobwebs from his brain and picked up his check for $5,853.44 today when this special committee was appointed to consider the resolution co-sponsored by State Senators J. Jerome Jaspar and Anthony DiSilvestro, Philadelphia Democrats. This resolution was actually introduced two weeks ago, but it was given more flesh today when another senator, John J. Haluska, Cambria Democrat, charged on the Senate floor that last night's bout was "a complete frame-up" and that Dorazio "took a perfect dive."

Senator Haluska assured his colleagues: "I know what I'm talking about because I spent 10 years in the ring myself."

Anyway, the Harrisburg subcommittee is expected to report within two weeks whether it recommends an investigation. Senator O. J. Tallman, Allentown Republican, is chairman of the subcommittee.

In cauliflower canyon there was much more discussion today over the merits of Bomber Joe's percentage than about Dorazio's efforts. Louis floored the Philadelphia challenger at 1:30 of the second round for the full count with one of the hardest right-hand smashes delivered in any of his 50 professional fights. There was no question of that; it was a honey.

But, before landing the lethal larrup, the champion's performance was such that it created three divisions of comment: (1) Most of the record crowd of 15,902 customers at Convention Hall, who never before had seen Louis in action as champion, rated Joe's work as magnificent; (2) boxing writers of Philadelphia and New York differed somewhat on whether Louis indicated that he had regained his old-time form or that he was slipping, and (3) a majority of the managers and trainers at the ringside thought the Brown Bomber far off form.

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Heavy Champ Defends Title For 14th Time

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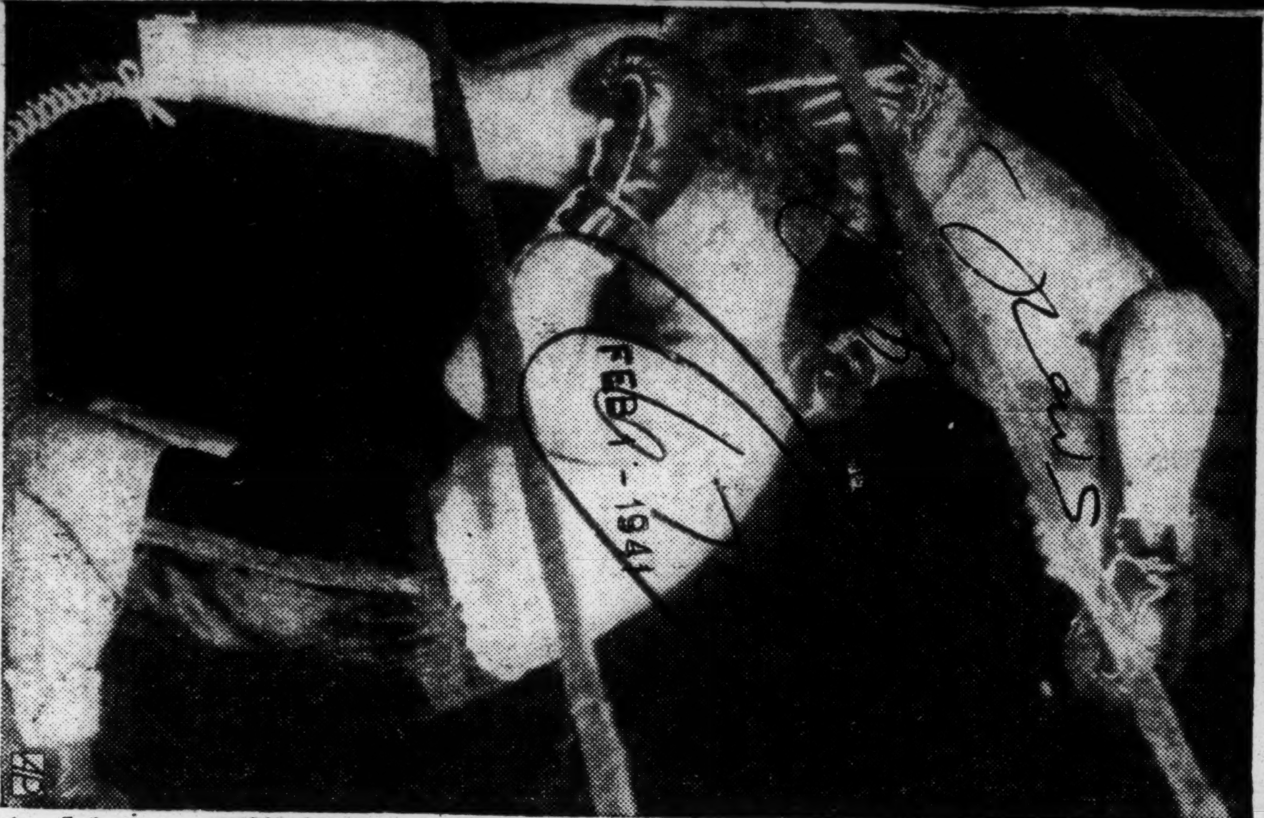
Sellout Crowd of 15,000 Sees Right to Chin Halt Game Gus.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—(AP) Joe Louis successfully defended his heavyweight championship for the fourteenth time tonight by knocking out Gus Dorazio, of Philadelphia, in one minute 30 seconds of the second round of their bout tonight before a sell-out crowd of about 15,000. Louis weighed 203½, Dorazio 193½.

A short, smashing right hand shot, flush on the chin, dropped Dorazio on his face near his own corner for the one and only knockdown of the fight. He lay there, his nose buried in the canvas, as Referee Irv Kutcher completed the count. FEB 18 1941

For one round Gus, fighting out of a crouch, fought back against the Bomber's punches. At the start of the second, a straight left momentarily straightened him up. He tried to return to his crouch, but couldn't duck the vicious right which put him away.

LOSES DIGNITY, KEEPS TITLE—Joe Louis lost his dignity but kept his world's heavyweight boxing championship by knocking out Red Burman at Madison Square Garden in the fifth round Friday night. The photo at top shows Louis as he slipped through the ropes after Burman had bounced a hard hook off his face in the third round. But in the fifth round it was a different story—Joe connected with a smashing right and Red was out for keeps, as illustrated in the picture at bottom. Burman kneels before his conqueror a moment before Referee Frank Fullman began the count that ended the fight.



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Mrs. Joe Louis Not Expectant Mother; Draft For Bomber?

MAR 3 1941

CHICAGO —(ANP) — Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, who returned his questionnaire to his local draft board January 7, expects any day to be called for a physical examination and soon afterward induction into army duty, he revealed last week.

The Brown Bomber, who stands 378th on his local draft board, said he has asked for no deferment because of his marriage and considers it a privilege and a duty to serve the nation.

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"Army life won't be so bad anyway," he declared. "I've been taking orders for many years from my trainer, so I won't have any trouble taking orders in the army."

Louis again scotched rumors that he and his wife, Marva, were on the verge of separation and said they had never been happier together than they are now. Some months ago it was rumored that Mrs. Louis would become a mother early this year, but as subsequent medical examination proved it to be an error.

The champion also declared that one of his ambitions was to build a big business institution for the race and thereby provide jobs for Negro youth.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

Who Won

▶ Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis: the 13th defense of his title; knocking out Challenger Clarence ("Red") Burman of Baltimore, Jack Dempsey's protégé; in the fifth round, in Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. Same day, Louis received a questionnaire from the Detroit draft board (Order No. 378). "If I have to fight for Uncle Sam, the rest of the heavyweights can fight for the title," he drawled.

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TIME, February 10, 1941

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland Puts Veto on Louis, Musto Fight

MAR 1 1 1941

By the Associated Press

Cleveland, March 10.—The Cleveland Boxing Commission today refused permission to the American Legion for a world championship heavyweight boxing match here April 2 between Titlist Joe Louis and Tony Musto, of Chicago.

"We do not feel it would be a fair contest," Commissioner Dan Holand said. "We want to protect the good name of boxing in Cleveland and don't want any of those affairs like they staged in Boston and Philadelphia."

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Substitute Bout

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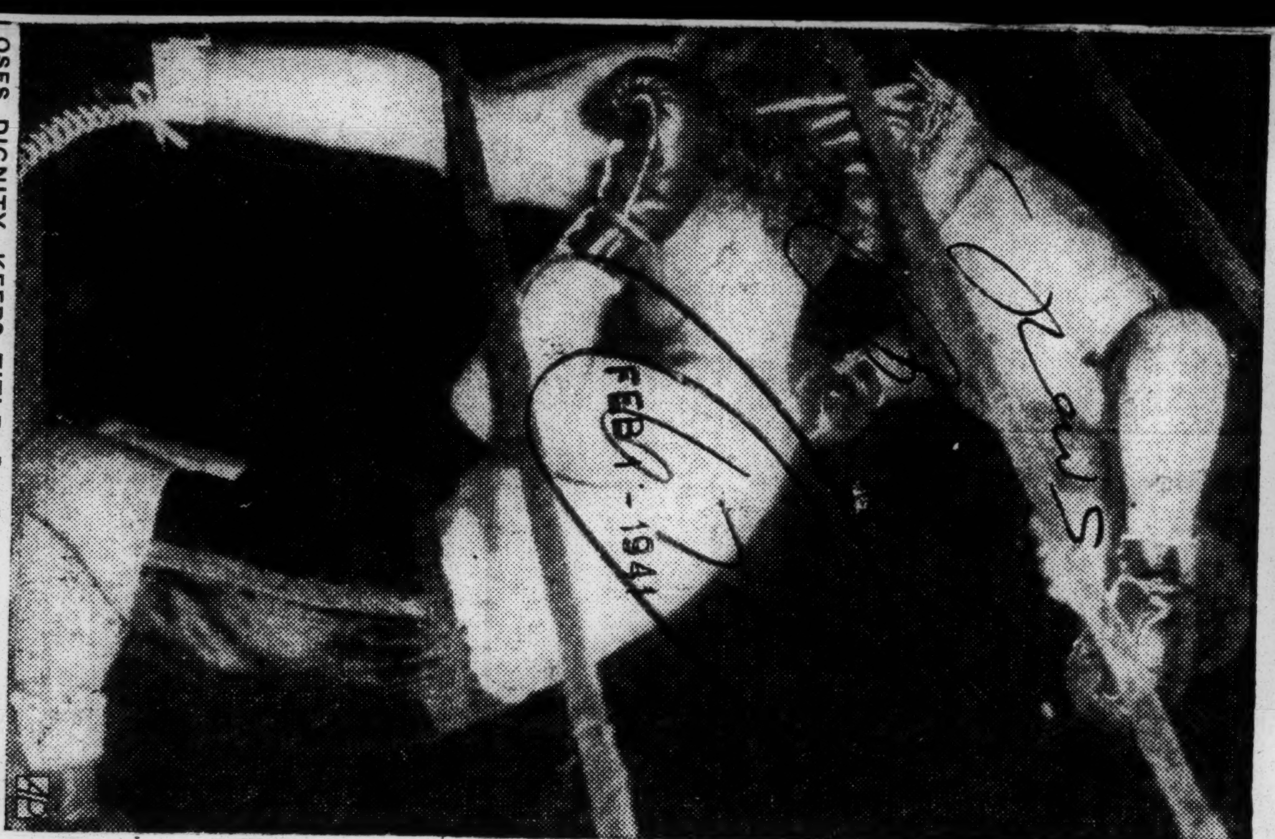

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

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"Army life won't be so bad anyway,' he declared. "I've been taking orders for many years from my trainer, so I won't have any trouble taking orders in the army."

Louis again scotched rumors that he and his wife, Marva, were on the verge of separation and said they had never been happier together than they are now. Some months ago it was rumored that Mrs. Louis would become a mother early this year, but a subsequent medical examination proved it to be an error.

The champion also declared that one of his ambitions was to build a big business institution for the race and thereby provide jobs for Negro youth.

Time
Chicago, Illinois

Who Won

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TIME, February 10, 1941

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland Puts Veto on Louis, Musto Fight

MAR 11 1941

By the Associated Press

Cleveland, March 10.—The Cleveland Boxing Commission today refused permission to the American Legion for a world championship heavyweight boxing match here April 2 between Titlist Joe Louis and Tony Musto, of Chicago.

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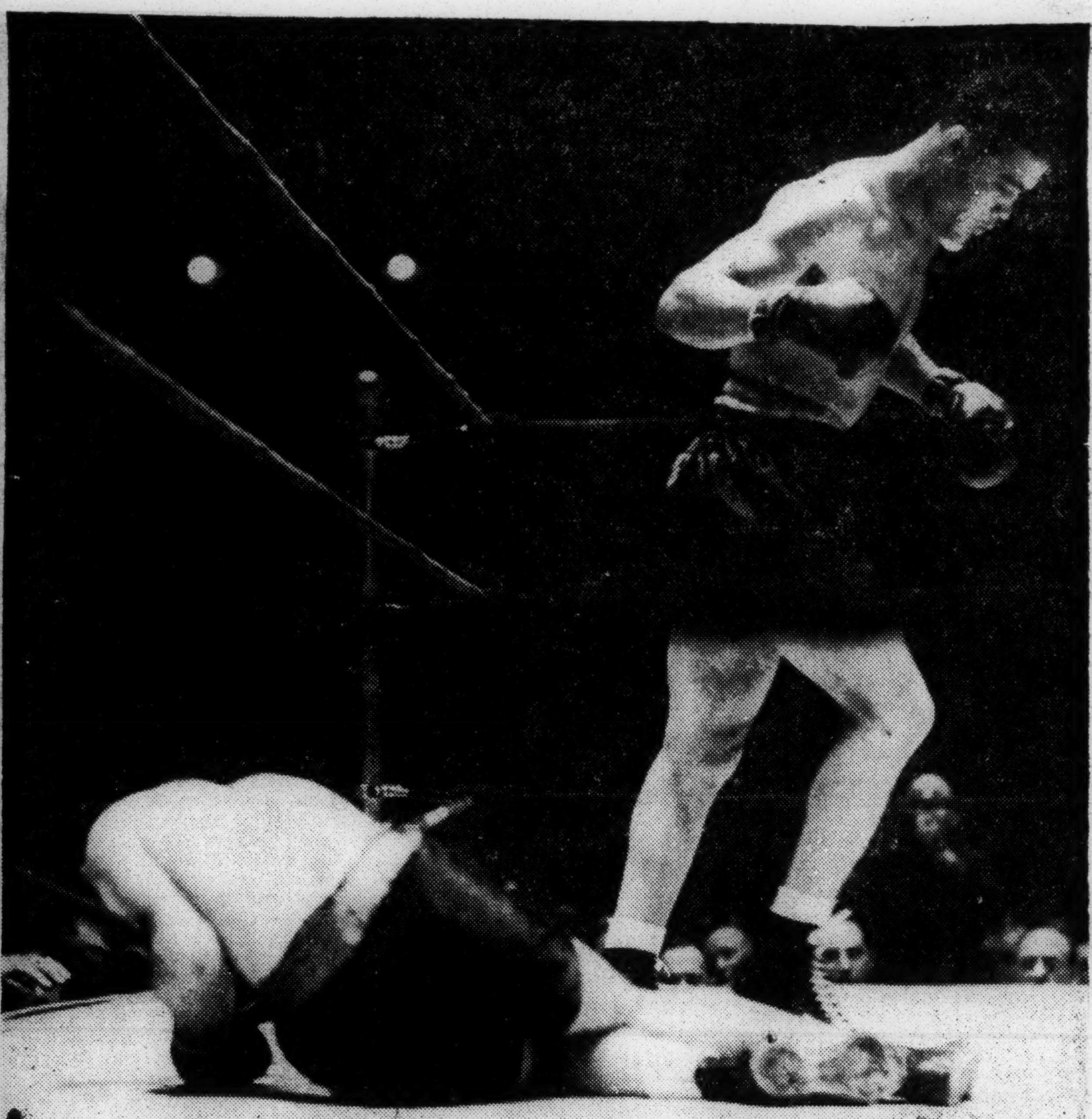

THE END OF LAST NIGHT'S HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BATTLE

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Times Wide World

BOMBER RECEIVES DRAFT QUESTIONS

Times

Louis Gets Form Just Before Breaking Camp—Silent on Deferment Request

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Joe Louis received his Selective Service questionnaire just before he left his Greenwood Lake training quarters yesterday for New York to weigh in for his bout with Red Burman in Madison Square Garden. The form was forwarded by mail from the champion's Detroit board.

At the headquarters of the State Athletic Commission Louis smilingly acknowledged receipt of the service form with the declaration, "They got me already." He declined to say whether he had applied for deferred registration on the ground that he is married and expects soon to be a father.

The weighing went off with precision, though a crowd estimated at close to 1,000 milled around the entrance to the State Office Building. Louis weighed 202½ pounds, a quarter of a pound heavier than he was when he fought Al McCoy last Dec. 16. Burman's weight was 188, considerably less than was expected of the challenger. Thus Louis had an edge of fourteen and one-half pounds in addition to the advantages the champion enjoyed in height and reach.

While champion and challenger were posing for pictures, a photographer's flashlight bulb exploded noisily, shattering glass upon two camera operators, who required the attention of Dr. William H. Walker, State Athletic Commission physician. Dr. Walker pronounced Louis and Burman in tip-top condition. Calmness was particularly noted in Burman.

Burman rejected the first pair of gloves submitted for his inspection. When Chairman John J. Phelan noted a stubble on the challenger's chin, Burman received explicit instructions to get a shave before presenting himself at the Garden for battle.

Womer Soon To Become Shavetail

World Telegram New York, N.Y.

JAN 3 1941

Nobody is going to salute Mutt Womer when he enters the Garden ring tonight to fight Marty Marino in a six rounder, but this middleweight, who is in the 101st Cavalry, will become a second lieutenant before his unit, old Squadron A, departs for its encampment at Fort Devens, Mass. . . . Barring an injury in tonight's main event, Tami Mauriello will box at Bronx Coliseum, the club which made him, on Jan. 21. . . . His opponent will be Irwin Kaplan, providing that boxer turns in a good performance against Steve Belloise at the Coliseum on Tuesday. . . . Belloise, making the rounds of the clubs, will fight at Broadway Arena on the 21st against the victor in Tuesday's Georgie Martin-Yussel Goldstein tussle and at Ridgewood Grove on Feb. 1. . . . Lou Barbetta, on the way up again, will take on Johnny Cockfield and Jerry Fiorello will battle Cat Robinson at Ridgewood Grove tomorrow night.

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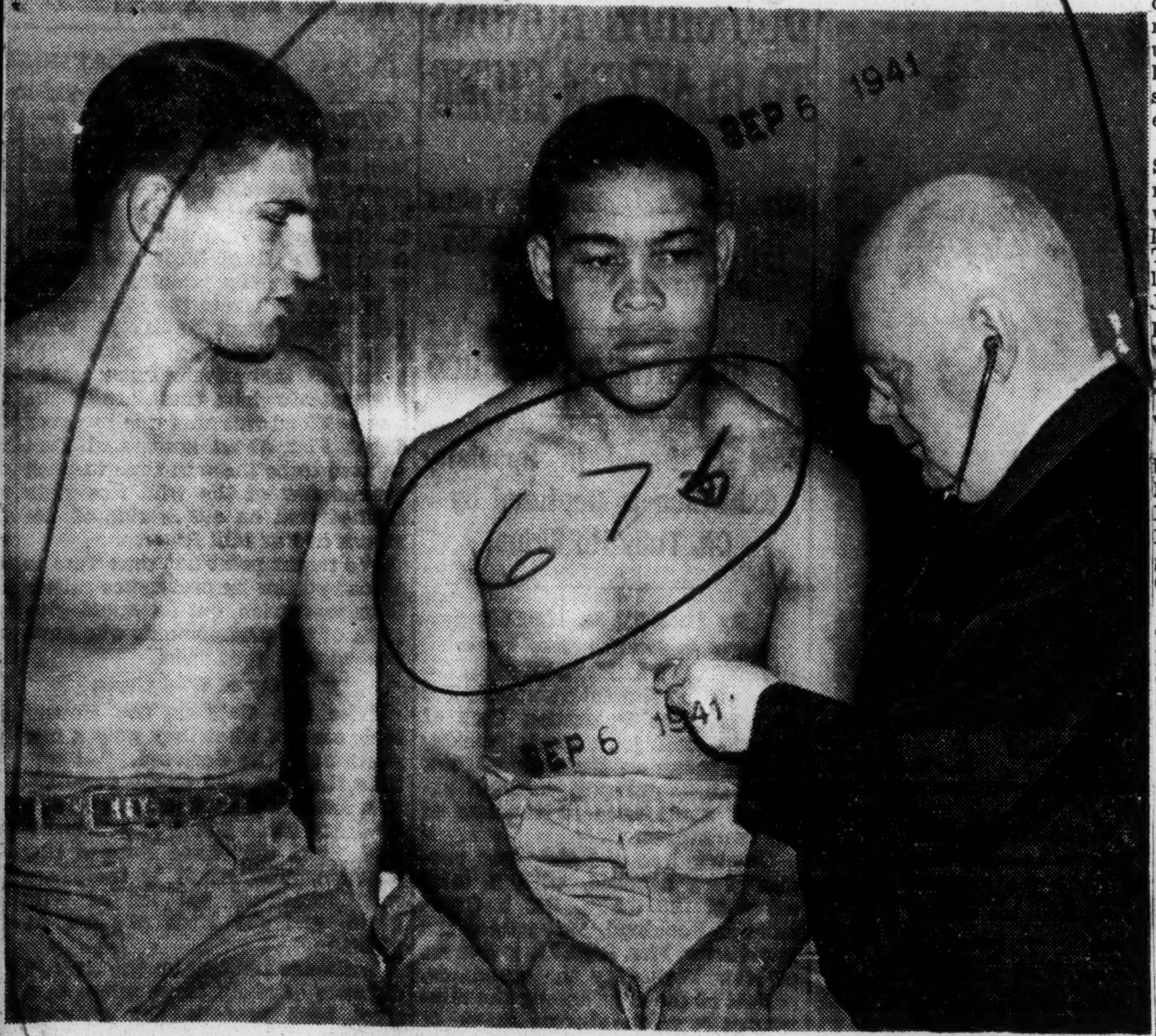

Dr. William H. Walker, State Athletic Commission physician, examining Champion Joe Louis as Challenger Lou Nova looks on. They will meet at the Polo Grounds on Sept. 29. Associated Press

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Louis and Nova Sign Contract Before Board for Sept. 29 Bout

Rivals Greet Each Other Simply at Meeting Here—Champion Above Fighting Weight at 210—Boxers Found in Shape

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Joe Louis and Lou Nova had a brief meeting yesterday at the New York State Athletic Commission, where the heavyweight champion of the world and his challenger signed formal contracts for their meeting at the Polo Grounds on Sept. 29.

For the titleholder the day was a busy one. He visited the commission shortly after arriving from Stevensville, Mich., where he had been training on the farm of his manager, John Roxborough. After the meeting the Brown Bomber motored to Greenwood Lake, N. Y., where he will work steadily until the day before the clash.

Nova, the Alameda, Calif., warrior, who has been training for several weeks at Pompton Lakes, N. J., returned to camp immediately after signing the articles.

The rivals greeted each other simply, exchanging "hellos" and handshakes. After they signed the documents Louis and Nova submitted to physical examinations under the supervision of Dr. William Walker of the commission staff. Dr. Walker declared the boxers were in fine shape.

Louis, who spent most of the Summer resting and playing golf, revealed the effects of his lay-off when he declared he weighed 210 pounds. Nova was a pound lighter. The champion scaled 199¾ for his last fight, against Billy Conn in June, and his weight yesterday surprised observers. But the champion was not concerned. Roxborough, speaking for him, declared that "Joe needed the extra weight. He was too fine for Conn."

Questioned on Nova's chances of beating him, Louis replied, "I don't know much about how Lou fights. I saw him only once, against Max Baer. He may be tough, but he's got to go some to be tougher than Conn."

Although the fighters signed the contracts, neither put up the appearance forfeit of $5,000. Promoter Mike Jacobs will attend to this detail next week, when he also will put up $5,000 promotion forfeit.

The commission announced it would recognize the winner of the fight between Joey Archibald and Chalky Wright in Washington on Thursday night as featherweight champion of the world. Archibald now is regarded as titleholder by the local board. A request from Richie Lemos of Los Angeles that he be recognized as 126-pound king as the result of a victory over Petey Scalzo and a ten-round triumph over Archibald was denied by the board.

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

LOUIS CLASSED 1A FOR ARMY SERVICE

Draft Board Alters Boxer's Status—He Is Likely to Be Called Next Month

CHICAGO, Sept. 9 (AP)—Draft officials moved world heavyweight champion Joe Louis closer to the Army today.

Local Selective Service Board 84 announced that the titleholder had been reclassified tentatively in Class 1-A, available for immediate military service.

A spokesman for the Cook County (Chicago) draft headquarters reported that Louis—now training for a bout with Lou Nova in New York on Sept. 29—would not be inducted before October under any circumstances.

Moreover, he would not have to don a uniform then if he decided to contest the listing and convinced his draft board that he should not have been placed in the 1-A bracket.

Louis, who reached the age of 27 last May 13, was not consulted about his reclassification. He has ten days in which to request a hearing on the new order and, if a decision is returned against him, he has an additional ten days to file an appeal.

Listed Five Dependants

Last January the champion was put in Class 3-A, the group of men defered because of dependents. At that time he listed as dependents his wife, his mother, a niece, a sister and his father-in-law.

His wife, Marva, filed suit for divorce last July, but they were reconciled in August and she agreed to withdraw the petition. During a Master in Chancery's hearing on the case Louis estimated that his net earnings averaged $56,000 annually in the last seven years. Selective service officials declined to comment on whether that testimony had any bearing on his reclassification.

Notice of his new class was sent to the champion's Chicago address today. The next step in the pro-

cedure is a physical examination. No time was set, but it was explained that he could be examined here or in the East.

Bomber Ready to Serve

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., Sept. 9 (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, notified today that his draft classification had been changed to 1-A, said he would not ask the Chicago board for reconsideration.

Joe interrupted his training for his fight with Lou Nova to say that he always had been willing to join the Army and would do anything at any time he was asked.

"I don't want any favors," he said.

Louis indicated, however, that he did not expect to be called for several weeks for his physical examination.

Joe Louis Now 1-A in Draft; May Be Called in October

Divorce Revelation on His Income Causes Board to Reconsider Rating

By the United Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—Joe Louis' draft board announced today that the heavyweight champion's classification under the Selective Service act had been changed to 1-A and that Louis "in all probability" would be inducted in October.

New York
World-Telegram
New York

T. O. Fentress, chairman of Chicago Selective Service Local Board 84, said the notice of change in classification was sent to Joe Louis today.

"Louis is now in tentative 1-A," Mr. Fentress said, "and will be required to take an examination for physical fitness.

"He will immediately go into Class 1-A if found fit and will then be sent a notice for induction. In all probability induction will take place in October."

Louis originally was classified for the draft as 3-A, deferred because of dependents. His draft board said he claimed his mother, sister, father-in-law and wife as dependents. The board revealed that disclosures on Louis' income during the recent divorce proceedings with his wife, Marva, led to a reconsideration of his draft classification. The divorce altercation ended in a reconciliation.

Mrs. Louis' attorneys contended that Louis had $400,000 worth of property in Chicago and Detroit, an annual income of $400,000 from annuities and an additional $250,000 annually from his heavyweight title.

Counsel for the champion discounted these figures, but did not disclose Louis' version of his income.

Draft board officials said today that Louis undoubtedly would ask for a hearing on his reclassification. The board said such an appeal would be granted and that complete details on Louis' ability to support his dependents would be sought at the hearing.

Louis signed his contract last week and began training for a heavyweight championship bout with Lou Nova at New York. The bout is scheduled for Sept. 29, giving the Brown Bomber a last opportunity to defend his title before joining the army.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joe Louis To Help Build Army Morale

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NEW YORK, Sept. 11—Julian Black, co-manger of the world's heavyweight champion announced here Friday that Joe Louis had accepted an invitation of General George C. Marshall's office to make a series of personal appearances in the army camps of the 6th Corps Area.

General Marshall is the Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

The champion will leave for his morale building tour immediately

his defense of his title at the Grounds here on September 29 st Lou Nova.

The 6th Corps Area includes the states of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin where some 10 army camps and forts are located, including Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Mich., where large numbers of colored troops are in training.

Black said that the champion will present a series of boxing exhibitions against opponents yet to be selected.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Louis to Join Army in October

CHICAGO. — Joe Louis world's heavyweight champion, will join the army in October, according to the latest reports from Chicago where his local draft board Tuesday was reported to have reclassified the champion in Class 1-A.

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Joe's Complete Ring Record

KNOCKOUTS

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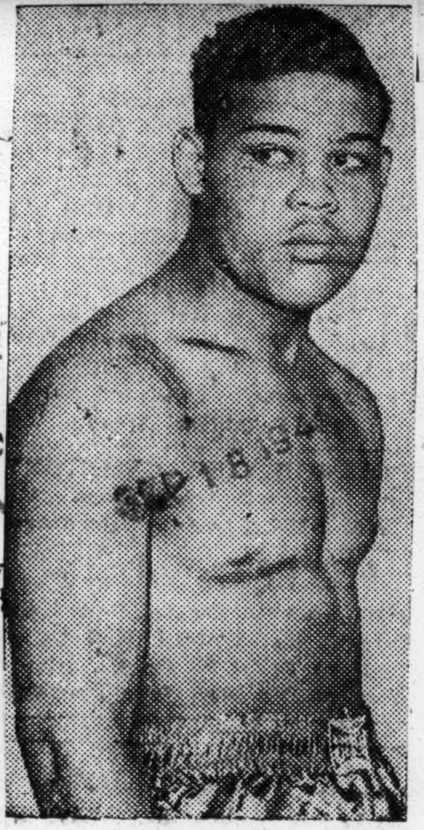

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Commissioner Tom Morgan informed Hoffman that he could not call a meeting with the other two solons, Claude W. Owen, chairman, and Major Ernest Brown until that time.

Speaking as an individual, Morgan said that the action against Buddy just before the start of the seventh round, taken because Manager Hoffman and Trainer Izzy Kline refused to leave the ring, was "a raw deal."

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Much more cheering to Hoffman today, however, was the promise by Promoter Mike Jacobs that if Billy Conn did not appear to best advantage in Pittsburgh, Monday, against Buddy Knox, he would throw out the Louis-Conn fight, scheduled for June 18 at the Polo Grounds, and substitute a Louis-Buddy Baer return. "John Roxborough and Julian Black have not signed any contracts for a Conn fight yet," Mike stated. "They may prefer to fight Buddy." Then referring to the scheduling of the Knox fight by Johnny Ray, Conn's manager, without his approval, Mike said: "Two can play at this game. May be I'll move those fellows out."

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Louis, within inches of being knocked out of his crown in the first when Buddy toppled him with a left hook, said he didn't hear the clang as he let the final blow go.

"I'd have gotten him in the next round, it was only a question of time," declared Louis, who emerged with a cut over his left eye.

Buddy, belligerent and talkative and without a scratch, asserted that he was ready and fit to continue but that Hoffman and Kline, his seconds, wouldn't let him.

"I kind of wiped out that Barlund fight, didn't I?" asked the younger Baer, alluding to the bout in which he was accused of quitting. "I'll bet you Max jumped back home when he heard on the radio that I had Louis down."

Had it not been for the fact that Louis' leg caught under Baer's leg as Joe fell back onto the apron the parallel to Dempsey-Firpo would have been complete.

Louis Groggy From Contact With Planks.

Eyewitnesses agreed this alone kept Louis from tumbling into the press row, as did Jack in the famous Polo Grounds battle. As it was, Louis was groggy from the blow and contact with the planks as he clambered back at the count of four.

Then occurred another of the freak angles of this controversy-crowded fight. With the crowd roaring, Buddy dropped his hands and walked away. Louis followed suit. Finally Donovan, aware the round hadn't ended, called them to resume fighting.

Baer later said: "I thought I heard the bell." But the interlude afforded the champion a respite of some 10 seconds, which he obviously could use.

'Strange' Officiating Saves Joe's Crown Here

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District's First Heavy Title Scrap Stopped In 7th After Charges Of After-Bell Hitting

By Al Hailey

A panic stricken Joe Louis who found himself being knocked through the ropes in the opening minutes came back to give Buddy Baer a murderous beating for six rounds last night at Griffith Stadium, but it was not until he crashed Buddy to the floor a good five seconds after the bell ending the sixth that his world's heavyweight championship was still in the bag.

In one of the strangest pieces of officiating ever seen in the heavyweight title fight history, Referee Arthur Donovan refused to recognize the between-rounds knockdowns and instead disqualified Baer when his manager, Ancil Hoffman, stormed into the ring.

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Baer Finished

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It was that punch that actually finished Baer, and it was a punch that could have cost Louis his precious heavyweight championship. Had Donovan chosen to recognize Louis' action he could have disqualified Louis on the spot.

And it was not until the plump and squat Hoffman saw that he was not going to consider the punch a foul that Hoffman stormed back to Baer's corner and refused to leave the ring when the bell for the seventh rang.

Buddy was sitting on his ring stool, a helpless hulk, and it is not at all doubtful that he never would have been abble to arise to continue fighting. He had absorbed one of the worst beatings ever handed out by Louis and had been floored twice in the sixth round bbefore Joe finally sent across that extra-curricular punch.

Reconstructing the picture at the scene of the business, it was like this:

Battered Badly

Baer, badly battered and a wide-open target, took everything Louis had in the sixth. Louis, taking his time carefully to aim each shot, hit Buddy with a right cross that spun Buddy crazily to the canvas for a six count. Buddy got up gamely and tried to protect himself. Then Louis came in again with a left hook to the jaw and a pile-driving right cross to the jaw that felled the young giant again.

Buddy got up at the count of seven, couldn't stand straight and caromed into the ropes in Louis' corner. As Joe started toward him, the bell rang ending the round.

At this point, Baers' trainer, Izzy Kline, rushed across the ring in front of Louis to grab his fighter. Just as he got to Baer, Louis came from behind Kline, went over on Kline's right and then hit Baer with the killing punch.

And Donovan refused to recognize the knockdown as coming after the bell.

Timekeeper Charley Reynolds said the knockdown came at least three seconds after the bell had rung. It seemed more like ten, but this department considers five seconds a better estimate. Reynolds' report, however, is the official one.

Louis' between-round punch only served to verify his state of confusion and panic. The first-round knockdown that spilled him between the second and top ropes dazed and frightened him. He fell on his head and did a somersault out of the ring. As he got up and crawled back into the ring at the count of four panic was written on his face.

Goes to Corner

Buddy had rushed him, got him off balance and then smashed over a left hook to the jaw that spilled him. It was the first time Joe had been knocked off his feet—or even hurt—since Tony Galento knocked him down two years ago.

Baer won that round, but it spelled his doom. Louis, hurt, became a killer. He nearly tore Buddy's head off with a left hand. He alternately hooked and jabbed.

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In the past season Joe, who risks his heavyweight title January 9, for the benefit of the Navy Relief Society against his most formidable foe, Buddy Baer, defended his title seven times, and scored seven knockouts. No heavyweight champ ever came close to such a record. His victims were in order, Red Burman, Gus Dorazio, Abe Simon, Tony Musto, Buddy Baer, Billy Conn and Lou Nova.

Joe arrives Friday and will immediately repair to the Greenwood Lake training camp.

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FISTIC ROW: Herbie Katz Brownsville light heavy who has had his ups and downs, knocked out the rugged Tony Musto Tuesday night in the eighth round at the Broadway Arena and in so doing probably fractured Musto's paw.

At the Coliseum Cal Cagni and Vic Dellicurti, middleweights, fought to a draw. Chester Rico, young Bronx lightweight with an excellent record, including a disputed draw with Beau Jack, knocked out Norman Rahn in the fourth round despite the latter's ten-pound pull in the weights. Chester, a skillful boxer who has developed a sock in the last year, is getting the go by from most of the prominent lightweights.

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Fritzie Zivic will rule a slight favorite over Kid McCoy toomrrow night at the Garden, but the fast coming Detroit youngster has plenty of backing to take the ex-welter champ, who took quite a beating from Ray Robinson not so long ago. The winner of this fight meets Robinson, the survivor to finally get a crack at "cheese champ" Cochrane's title in February. . . . —L. R.

Constitution
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Ted Williams And Joe Louis Next in Order

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National Open Champion Craig Wood Runs in Fourth Place.

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DiMaggio's name appeared first on 42 ballots and either second or third on 20 others as tribute to his record-smashing feat of hitting in 56 consecutive American League games and leading the New York Yankees to the pennant and the world championship. His tremendous margin over Williams, who won the league batting championship with a .406 average and the home title as well, was due, perhaps, to Jolting Joe's ability to lift the entire Yankee team with him to winning heights.

FAR AHEAD.

In the voting, DiMaggio polled a total of 157 points to 74 for Williams, who received only five first-place votes. Louis, who defended his world heavyweight title seven times during the year, was so far ahead in the realm of boxing that there wasn't even a contest. Still he received only 10 first-place ballots and 64 points. A few scattered points were distributed among Billy Conn, Ray Robinson and Lem Franklin.

National Open Golf Champion Graig Wood earned fourth place on the list with 27 points, just four more than Don Hutson Green Bay Packers' end, whose presence near the head of the list emphasized the fact that 1941 failed to produce a super-star in football.

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HARMON LAST YEAR.

Last year the No. 1 man was Michigan's Tom Harmon, and the year before it was Nile Kinnick of Iowa. This year's college grid leaders were Bruce Smith, of Minnesota, and Frank Sinkwich, of Georgia, each rated tops by three voters for totals of 16 and 12 points, respectively. Between these two on the list were Cornelius Warmerdam, the pole vaulter, with 14 points and Golfer Ben Hogan with 13.

Leaders in other sports were Bill Smith, the Hawaiian swimmer, with five points; Bobby Riggs, national tennis champion, with two; Willie Hoppe, billiards; Joe Platak, handball, and Ned Day, bowling, one point each.

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Joe and his managers have greater foresight than their critics. In the first place the United States Navy belongs to the people of the United States and as such colored Americans are part owners. If the officials of government are too stupid to permit colored Americans to participate in the operation of the Navy that does not give colored people the right not to support the Navy.

In the second place the Navy Relief Society assists the sailors and the personnel of the Navy. These men have little, if anything to do with the rules and regulations which restrict colored people to the kitchens on war ships. These rules are made by top officials who will receive no benefits from the contribution of Joe Louis.

But even if they did, Joe Louis should make his contribution to the Navy Relief Society. Joe is an American. All Americans should contribute to their government according to their respective abilities.

Colored people should not permit prejudice to turn them into the same kind of stupid people that their oppressors have become. The dominant group in America realizes that their position is silly, but they are unable to change their foolish policies.

DEC 1 3 1941

Joe Louis born amid poverty in the backwoods of Alabama, with little formal training, has by intelligent thinking and gentlemanly action heaped coals of fire on the heads of the so-called superior people.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Welshman Asks Jacobs For Chance at Heavyweight Title As Buddy Comes to N. Y.

California Challenger Given Royal Welcome By Navy Men Who'll Benefit from Louis' Donation of Purse to Relief Fund, Not Buddy's

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By DAN BURLEY
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The Welshman was reported to be resting at his Brighton Beach home in Sussex, England, after being relieved of active service in the British Imperial Army because of an injury. The letter to Jacobs was mailed November 14.

"I may not be in as good shape as when I stayed 15 rounds with Louis in your country," Farr wrote Jacobs, "But I am getting in good enough shape to fight him 10 rounds. It's the best way I know to serve my country."

"We wouldn't have to worry about drawing a big enough gate," Farr's letter continued. He pointed out that 65,000 fans saw a football game near London the week before.

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Jacobs told reporters he wouldn't mind looking into such a contest. "I wish I could do something about it," he said. "Transportation, of course, is out of the question unless both governments took a hand. And right now I have my hands full preparing for the Louis-Buddy Baer return fight for our Navy Relief Fund.

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Baer, who arrived from California on Monday, was met at the Pennslyvania Station by a group of naval officers led by Lieutenant Commander John H. Auerbach. The Coast Guard band gave him a hot reception and 20 Californians on the training ship, Prairie State, in the Hudson, gave the heavyweight, who will keep his challenger's percentage from the fight receipts, while Louis turns his whole purse over to the Navy Relief Society, a rousing welcome. Harlemites were wondering if Louis, who is due here December 15, would get a similar reception.

Kansas City Call
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FIRST OF KIND

The game, first of its kind in the east, was sponsored by the Associated Football Charities, Inc., and, without regard to the final balance sheet of the undertaking, almost a score of Negro and white charitable organizations shared to the extent of 50 per cent of the value of the tickets sold by them.

SUPERB PLAYING

Splendid playing by such stellar attractions as Wilmeth Sidat-Singh of Syracuse, Joe Lillard of Oregon, Lou Montgomery of Boston college, Dolly King of L.I.U., Shaky Stuart of Hampton, Archie Harris of Indiana, Bernie Jefferson of Northwestern, and many others brought the All-Stars closer to victory than many of the spectators had anticipated, with only a week of practice.

YANKEES SCORE

Immediately after the kick-off by the collegiates, the Yankees took the initiative and brought the ball down to scoring position in the first ten minutes of play. Vic Baylock tossed 23 yards to Hubert who hopped across for the first touchdown. Baylock then converted the extra point for the Yankees.

AERIAL BLITZKREIG

Although the All-Stars got the ball back to midfield, the Yankees brought the sensational Bill De Correvont of Northwestern into the game and he initiated a series of passes and end runs that succeeded in putting the ball on the Collegiate's one yard line. The Yankee Fritz Fetela then pushed his way across the goal line. Mim Daddario's conversion put the pros ahead 14-0

STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Both touchdowns were scored in the first quarter. In the second the All-Stars forward wall showed much greater resistance, a quality which maintained throughout the game. This was attested to by the compulsion the Yankees felt in resorting to the air attack.

SINGH SCORES

It was on an attempted pass by De Correvont from his own 35-yard line that the ball was knocked down by Ryan, it rolling back to the Yankee 3-yard line where Ryan fell on it. With first down and goal to go, Sidat-Singh pierced right tackle for the All-Stars' first goal. Ryan kicked the point.

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DROPS PASSES

During the quarter Sidat Singh made a long pass to Lillard which was dropped deep in enemy territory. The team was offside. The Syracuse star repeated the pass dropping the ball against Lillard's stomach and it was again muffed. This was one of the major errors committed by the colored boys. Lillard, however, was contributing considerably in line plunging and interference. The half ended 17 to 7 in favor of the Yankees when the latter scored a field goal.

SINGH AGAIN

The All-Stars broke it up in the third quarter. Ryan kicked off and sent the ball down to the Yankee 6-yard marker. The pros returned it to the opponent's 20-yard before relinquishing it. Singh, through a series of line plunges steadily gained ground. On a reverse play, Singh lateralled to Archie Harris who went around right end for 34 yards Lillard picked up five more and Singh tore through right tackle for 28 yard and scored a second time. Ryan again made the extra point.

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ALL STARS AHEAD

Singh was releived by Lou Montgomery, and De Correvont, who had been out most of the quarter, also came back in for the Yankees. The pros brought the hall down to the All-Stars' 33 yard line and set themselves to score from that position. De Correvont attempted a short pass to Eikenberry but the ball was intercepted by Charlie Anderson of Ohio State who knocked it squarely into the open paws of Shaky Stuart. The Hamptonian was away on a 38-yard run for the All-Stars' third touchdown putting them ahead 20 to 17. The try for point was wide of the goal posts.

YANKEES WIN

The Yankees got away in the final quarter for the last score of the game when they negotiated their way down into All-Star territory. Fetela passed to Eikenberry who went through center. Daddario made the extra point. The game ended in All-Star territroy.

LINE-UP:

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Walker	LT	Moffatt
Myers	LG	Whisner
Bowen	C	Williams
Stuart	RG	Alston
Ryan	RT	Hall
Anderson	RE	Serullo
Johnson	QB	Taylor
Jefferson	RH	Baylock
Singh	LH	Jones
Simmons	FB	De Correvont

Substitutions: All-Stars— Mozelle Ellerbe, Sodie White, Duffy Garland, Lou Mason, Dolly King, Lou Montgomery, Joe Lillard, Ed Williams, Ox Anderson; Yankees—Joe Herzog, Mim Daddario, Ted Fisher, Sid Mills, Ike Eikenberry, Benny Vaznelia.

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The resolution also proposed that Joe be accompanied by United States officials and representative Race citizens.

The telegraphed resolution was turned over to Nelson A. Rockefeller of the state department.

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Daily World

Atlanta, Georgia

Billy Conn Says He'll Tag Joe Louis Or Quit Boxing

St. LOUIS —(ANP) —According to a statement made by Billy Conn, Pittsburgh heavyweight, here last Friday should he fail to defeat Joe Louis in their second meeting next June, he will quit the fight game rather than return to the ranks of the light-weights to attempt to recapture the 175-pound crown which he once wore. Conn was in St. Louis visiting a friend for a few days before Hammer, white in Toledo, Jan. 12.

The Hammer bout is one of several which has been arranged for Conn as tuneup before he engages in the already contracted Louis match. Some mention has been made that Mike Jacobs is trying to match Conn with Max Baer, but the contest is only in the conversational stage so far.

Conn, who weighs about 180 lbs. now, says he is doing nothing to increase his weight, but will let nature take its course.

In his first match with Louis, Billy says he learned a lesson. He tried to punch with Joe, after having the champion beaten on points through 12 rounds. As a result, he was knocked out.

"I'll not do that again" he said. "I'll stick to boxing the next time. He is a terrific hitter, but I thought I had him going and figured there was no use in fooling around, that the best thing to do was knock him out. So I stuck my chin out and that was that."

In speaking of the benefit match which Louis is to engage in with Buddy Baer, Conn believes that Louis could do better for the service outside the army than in it. "He's boxing Buddy Baer for the benefit of the navy," Billy explained, "and the money he earns for the fund should help to buy equipment for the service men. Why, I boxed for a navy unit not so long ago and they didn't even have boxing gloves. I sent them a set and they were tickled to death."

World Telegram
New York, N.Y.

Buddy Baer Here, Says He'll Kayo Louis

On his arrival today at Pennsylvania Station from the West, Jacob (Buddy) Baer astounded nobody, including the collection of navy men who greeted him, by predicting that he will knock out Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis when they meet on Jan. 9 at Madison Square Garden in a Navy Relief Fund benefit title bout.

Buddy's voicing of the expected wasn't wholly without basis, since last May in Washington, D. C., he knocked Louis out onto the ring apron before their fight ended in hectic fashion. Louis hit him after the bell ending the sixth round, and Referee Arthur Donovan disqualified him before the seventh round because his manager, Ancil Hoffman, would not get out of the ring.

Baer was greeted today by 30 midshipmen from the Prairie State under the command of Ensign Edward Stafford. Highest officer present was Lieut. Comdr. John Auerbach. A Coast Guard band serenaded Buddy in the station.

Manager Hoffman, who accompanied Buddy, said that the big fellow weighed 256 and would be 245 for the fight. Buddy had been 237½ for Louis in Washington, which, he said, was "too light."

Trainer Jerry Casale also was at the station. Later today he was to take Buddy to a Lakewood (N. J.) training camp.

Another passenger on Baer's train was Fritzie Zivic, ex-welter champion, who fights Young Kid McCoy Friday at the Garden. Zivic got on at Pittsburgh.

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Joe Louis, Gentleman And American!

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You know the U. S. Navy. You know a Negro cannot get any higher than the kitchen, yet, Louis is fighting, taking a chance of being dethroned in a benefit effort to help the Navy. Louis should be praised, not censored. It took a mighty big man to do what Louis is doing several weeks hence. You read signs all about these days about Americanism. There are quite a few folk who talk about AMERICANISM, and act like AXIS supporters. You never can tell what a day will bring. A few more well aimed bombs from the Stuka's, Louis fighting for the Jim Crow Navy of the U. S. A. and there is no telling how far a Negro will have a chance to go in the Navy.

Louis, after watching some white folk show how little and narrow and prejudiced and un-American, they can be, is showing the world how big the child of a slave can be. When the bell sounds on the night of the 6th of January, Louis will be fighting for the thousands of Negroes who would like to aid their country by serving in the Navy. Don't be at all surprised if your sons get a chance to do their patriotic bit in the Navy before Spring.

Louis out of the Navy, is a far greater AMERICAN than a lot of people in the Navy. Democracy and Americanism will get a lift January 6: Baer will get a licking, and Negroes might get in the NAVY!

Afro-American

Baltimore, Maryland

U.S. State Department Cool to Louis's Latin-American Tour

Sports Section Program for 1942 "Too Big or Too Small" to Include World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Failure of the U.S. State Department to approve a proposal to send Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis on a Latin-American goodwill tour has aroused popular disfavor here. The proposal was contained in a resolution, directed to President Roosevelt, adopted at a citizens' testimonial banquet for Gov. Culbert L. Olson, the American Legion, the State Athletic Commission and Champion Joe Louis here recently.

Joe Louis

The occasion marked the celebration of the removal of all discrimination in boxing and wrestling matches at Hollywood — an attainment in which Hugh E. and Gobert E. Macbeth, local attorneys, have been spearheads.

Rockefeller Answers

The telegram to the White House, informing the President of those in attendance at the banquet and signed by Hugh E. Macbeth, chairman, was referred to Nelson A. Rockefeller, co-ordinator of Inter-American affairs. Mr. Rockefeller in replying stated that the resolution had been referred to the sports section of the State Department.

The resolution also asked that the world's heavyweight champion be accompanied by U.S. officials and a group of representative colored Americans.

Mr. Rockefeller's reply pointed out that the Inter-American athletic program which has been formulated for the next six to nine months — is quite comprehensive — and that there is little possibility that it can be extended to include this project.

Local citizens have been provoked to wonder what this program is and what it includes that it can't be extended to include Champion Joe Louis who beat a German to return the heavyweight boxing crown to America and who wears the crown well in keeping it there.

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Action Urged

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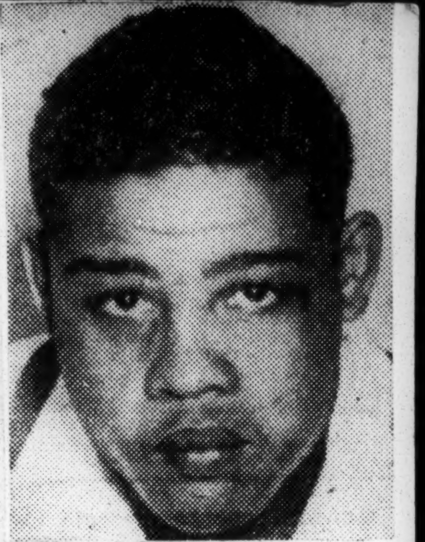
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"In fact," the article went on, "our records show that there aren't more than six outstanding world boxers in the combined eight divisions."

As a result, only Louis among the heavies and Featherweight Boss Chalky Wright were rated in a class by themselves in their own weight divisions.

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Four other champions — Light-Heavyweight Gus Lesnevich, Middleweight Tony Zale, Welterweight Red Cochrane and Flyweight Jackie Paterson, of Scotland—were placed at the top of their divisions, but, in each case, several of their leading challengers were placed in a group with them.

Two titleholders, however, weren't rated even good enough to be placed at the head of their own weight classes. In the lightweight league, Sammy Angott, of Washington, Pa., and Former Boss Lew Jenkins were both placed behind Philadelphia's Bob Montgomery.

Ranked among the best of the year were:

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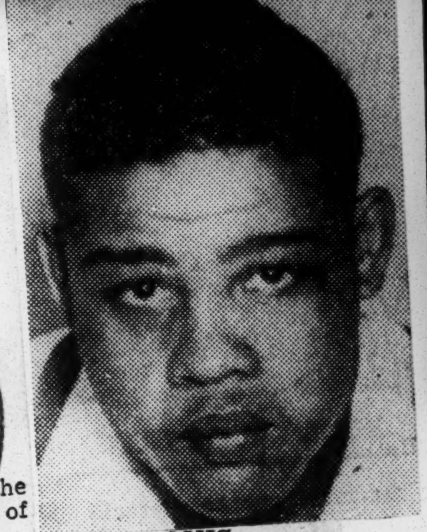

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In discussing the voters' rankings of fighters, the magazine related that "most of the country found the sport gaining in popularity and interest," and that "there were several hundred more boxers than in 1940," but that "the caliber was exceptionally poor."

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As a result, only Louis among the heavies and Featherweight Boss Chalky Wright were rated in a class by themselves in their own weight divisions.

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Four other champions — Light-Heavyweight Gus Lesnevich, Middleweight Tony Zale, Welterweight Red Cochrane and Flyweight Jackie Paterson, of Scotland—were placed at the top of their divisions, but, in each case, several of their leading challengers were placed in a group with them.

Two titleholders, however, weren't rated even good enough to be placed at the head of their own weight classes. In the lightweight league, Sammy Angott, of Washington, Pa., and Former Boss Lew Jenkins were both placed behind Philadelphia's Bob Montgomery.

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Thrill fight of the year: Louis' 13-round kayo of Conn.

Biggest surprises — Cochrane's welterweight title victory over Fritzie Zivic, which raised Red from thirty-ninth to first among the 147-pounders.

Most sensational rise—Lem Franklin's heavyweight climb.

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Following are the rankings of the leaders in all weight divisions:

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Group One—Joe Louis, Detroit.

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Group One—1, (x) Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.; 2, Booker Beckwith, Chicago; 3, Anton Christoforidis, Greece; 4, Tami Mauriello, New York; 5, Mose Brown, Pittsburgh; 6, Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland.

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

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WELTERWEIGHTS

Group One—1, (x) Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J.; 2, Ray Robinson, New York; 3, Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles; 4, Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh; 5, Young Kind McCoy (Adam Piango), Detroit; 6, Charley Burley, Pittsburgh; 7, Holman Williams, Detroit; 8, Izzy Jannazzo, New York; 9, Mike Kaplan, Boston.

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Respectfully,
J. ABRAM HAYWARD,
Northwest Industrial Homes, Inc.
Lincoln and Euclid Aves.,
Helena, Montana.

Lauds Joe's Decision

Rte. 3, Box 9, Cherokee, Ala.
Pittsburgh Courier,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joe Louis' acceptance of the fight with [illegible] in January for the benefit of the U.S. Navy. He is proving that he is the greatest and most outstanding sportsman in America. Let us hope that the Champ will do even better in this fight than he has done in others.

MARY FRANCES GOODLOE.

Spirit of True American

Chipley, Fla.
Pittsburgh Courier,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gentlemen:

I think Joe Louis has the spirit of a true American.

Regardless of racial discrimination, I believe our race would be far better off if we would sacrifice more, and prove to the world that we have it in us.

E. H. DICKERSON,
President, Negro Civic League.

An Opening for Youth

2267 Bedford Ave., Apt. 264,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joe Louis' acceptance of the fight with Buddy Baer for the benefit of the United States Navy proves that he is a real American, and I hope by his patriotic gesture, our young men will have larger opportunities in our Navy.

EDWARD HOWELL.

His Greatest Victory

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While I think Joe Louis should not risk his title again, but retire from the ring, this act of his will be the greatest blow to racial discrimination yet. It may eventually give the race more consolation than the blow he gave Schmeling in the last fight.

HENRY D. DAVIDSON,
Prin. Bibb County Train. School,
Centreville, Ala.

Will Be Real Test

1503 Nebraska Ave.,
Tampa, Fla.
The Pittsburgh Courier,

We should glory in Louis' spunk.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
It is a real test toward eliminating racial discrimination, and the beginning of standardized equalization for Negroes in the Navy.

(Miss) ROSE B. WILLIAMS,
Public School Teacher.

Goes Back 2,000 Years

Perry, Ga.
Nov. 20, 1941
The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Editor:

Joe Louis' noble gesture, in a nation seeping with intolerance and race prejudice, brings to mind the sacrifice of another young man for the same cause two thousand years ago.

May this bout mean not only "curtains" for Baer, but also, for those elements which "The Champ" hopes to destroy in the United States Navy.

Walter J. Rollins, Mgr.
Toomer Bros. Funeral Estab.

Turn Other Cheek

The Pittsburgh Courier
The Editor:

Whoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. (Matthew 5:39). Make him ashamed to hit you, not afraid. The problem then is his, not yours. Joe Louis is turning the other cheek. It might work, who knows? The religion of Jesus Christ has not been tried yet in this "Christian Country" of ours.

Charles T. Tlagg
Washington, D. C.
November 21, 1941.

Move Against Hitlerism

Waco, Texas
November 11, 1941
Pittsburgh Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Editor:

Considering the fact that Joe Louis signed a contract to fight Buddy Baer, for the benefit of the U. S. Navy; Joe Louis is representing Democracy to the superlative degree. In his dynamic and manly spirit, Joe represents the Negroes of America, and the World. Before we can succeed in destroying Hitlerism abroad, we must first destroy discrimination at home. Jan. 9th, 1942, will place Joe among the ascending stars of the first magnitude.

G. H. Walker
State Evangelist of the Tenth Episcopal District; AME Ch.

Should Support Him

Newark, N. J.
The Pittsburgh Courier:

I approve of Joe's action.

Freedom—There is no price too big to pay for it. You live for it; you fight for it; you have to work for it, and Jesus died for it that all mankind should live, so why can't we try.

The 12,000,000 Negro Americans should stand with him in the greatest fight of his life that we may come closer to our fellow man and mine.

John Eborm.
105 Sumner Avenue
Newark, N. J.

Looking to Future

417 N. Tarragon Street
Pensacola, Florida
The Pittsburgh Courier
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Joe Louis is looking far ahead in his title bout for the benefit of the Navy which is our own Navy. It means more consideration for the Negro race as a whole.

Rev. Jack J. Herring
World War Veteran
A Baptist Minister.

Another Score for Louis

The Pittsburgh Courier
2628 Centre avenue, Pgh.

Joe Louis' agreement to give a benefit bout for the relief society of the United States Navy is a far-seeing stroke against the Un-American undemocratic policy of the Navy's Discrimination against Negroes as seamen and officers. Their acceptance of such a gift at the hands of the Heavyweight Champion makes them and their policy look utterly ridiculous and chalks up one more score for Joe Louis in his fight against race prejudice and for the betterment of his people in America. Let the fight go on.

George E. Haynes
Executive Secretary
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches.

Basis for Fight

The Pittsburgh Courier
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Negro leaders do not understand clearly minority group methods in a Democracy when they find themselves opposed to Joe Louis' efforts to help the U. S. Navy. The Navy is our Navy, it will ultimately yield to the Democratic process as much by our own efforts as the efforts of any other group. We have supported many institutions in America thru taxation, which institutions have been undemocratic. Nevertheless, we have fought the undemocratic activity and paid the taxes. This is one of the ways of making the Democratic process do the will of the people. Joe's effort for the Navy will lay a basis for a strong fight that the Navy become truly an institution of the Democratic process.

Horace A. White
Plymouth Congregations Church
Member of State Legislature.

Fight Like Hell, Joe

Roanoke, Virginia
Nov. 22, 1941
Pittsburgh Courier,
Pittsburgh,

Joe Louis is taking the advice of Jesus Christ and the greatest being in time and eternity. Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. Yes, Joe fight fair and fight like hell.

Rev. G. A. Long, Pastor
Deals Avenue Baptist Church
Memphis, Tennessee.

Time for All of Us

Nov. 21, 1941
To The Editor
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So, thousands of Afro-American Mongrels say, "let Joe boycott the Navy."

Joe should reply, "How many Negro-baiting moving pictures, newspapers, whiskey, tobacco, jewelry, automobile firms, stores and factories have you closed by your boycott?"

Mike Jacobs should emphatically reply, "your daily boycott could practically eliminate the Navy and other race problems in less time than it took to teach ladies how to smoke."

It's time millions of indifferent Negroes stopped unloading their share of the race problem on Joe, Marian, Duke, etc., who have already done far more than their "bit". It's time each of us does his share of boycotting or remains in his hole, silent and content. That goes particularly for those able to boycott the two thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars a year ones, including The Pittsburgh Courier Staff.

Oscar A. Lucas.
15 Philip Street
Albany, N. Y.

Not Worth the Title

1007-18th Street
Detroit, Michigan
Nov. 22, 1941

As a race man, I do not feel that the World Heavy Weight King should put his title at stake with Buddy Baer in behalf of the U. S. Navy due to the Navy's policy of Jim-Crowism.

T. H. Dunigan.

An Unwise Move

[illegible] Street
Portsmouth, Ohio
Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Sir:

I fail to see the wisdom of Joe Louis fighting for the benefit of United States Navy, which practices Un-Americanism.

If the loyalty of the Negro in time of peace, or war, and the memory of the thousands who have died for democracy have not broken down this barrier, how can a prize fight do it?

Rev. Alonzo Ware, Pastor
Allen Chapel AME Church.

A Soldier Writes

91st Eng. Bn. Co. D.
Camp Claiborne, La.
Pittsburgh Courier
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Why should we as a race, approve of Louis or any other member of the race putting himself to any disadvantage to build up anything that has drawn a color line. Why doesn't he fight a fight to build up the NAACP, the greatest organization in America.

I am a soldier in the U. S. Army, but would far rather be a member of the NAACP serving day and night to blot out discrimination, which is facing every Negro in America. We should wake up and face our problems, instead of worrying about problems of a race who have branded us as "inferiors".

Pvt. James H. Reid.

It's Hard to Believe

1412 E. Fifth St.
Muncie, Ind.
To The Editor and Friends:

When the Rear Admiral of the Navy said that our Negroes were not fit for anything but bootblacks and to work in the mess hall, it's hard to believe one of our leading prominent men of the world would help such an organization as that who is bitterly against our race boys being given higher rank.

Are we to fight against discrimination, or help those who hate us? If he must give a benefit fight, why doesn't he help smaller cities to build something for his own race so our children might have decent places for recreation?

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. D. McCallister.

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Joe Louis signed for the most significant battle of his career when he signed to fight Baer January 9, 1942, because he signed not only to defend his world championship title but to fight that his race might obtain social justice and equitable integration into the economic life of this nation; equality in politics, and protection in law.

Respectfully,
J. ABRAM HAYWARD,
Northwest Industrial Homes, Inc.
Lincoln and Euclid Aves.,
Helena, Montana.

Lauds Joe's Decision

Rte. 3, Box 9, Cherokee, Ala.
Pittsburgh Courier,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joe Louis' acceptance of the fight with Baer in January for the benefit of the U.S. Navy. He is proving that he is the greatest and most outstanding sportsman in America. Let us hope that the Champ will do even better in this fight than he has done in others.

MARY FRANCES GOODLOE.

Spirit of True American

Chipley, Fla.
Pittsburgh Courier,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gentlemen:

I think Joe Louis has the spirit of a true American.

Regardless of racial discrimination, I believe our race would be far better off if we would sacrifice more, and prove to the world that we have it in us.

E. H. DICKERSON,
President, Negro Civic League.

An Opening for Youth

2267 Bedford Ave., Apt. 264,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joe Louis' acceptance of the fight with Buddy Baer for the benefit of the United States Navy proves that he is a real American, and I hope by his patriotic gesture, our young men will have larger opportunities in our Navy.

EDWARD HOWELL.

His Greatest Victory

The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

While I think Joe Louis should not risk his title again, but retire from the ring, this act of his will be the greatest blow to racial discrimination yet. It may eventually give the race more consolation than the blow he gave Schmeling in the last fight.

HENRY D. DAVIDSON,
Prin. Bibb County Train. School,
Centreville, Ala.

Will Be Real Test

1503 Nebraska Ave.,
Tampa, Fla.
The Pittsburgh Courier,

We should glory in Louis' spunk.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
It is a real test toward eliminating racial discrimination, and the beginning of standardized equalization for Negroes in the Navy.

(Miss) ROSE B. WILLIAMS,
Public School Teacher.

Goes Back 2,000 Years

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Perry, Ga.
Nov. 20, 1941
The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Editor:

Joe Louis' noble gesture, in a nation seeping with intolerance and race prejudice, brings to mind the sacrifice of another young man for the same cause two thousand years ago.

May this bout mean not only "curtains" for Baer, but also, for those elements which "The Champ" hopes to destroy in the United States Navy.

Walter J. Rollins, Mgr.
Toomer Bros. Funeral Estab.

Turn Other Cheek

The Pittsburgh Courier
The Editor:

Whoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. (Matthew 5:39). Make him ashamed to hit you, not afraid. The problem then is his, not yours. Joe Louis is turning the other cheek. It might work, who knows? The religion of Jesus Christ has not been tried yet in this "Christian Country" of ours.

Charles T. Tlagg
Washington, D. C.
November 21, 1941.

Move Against Hitlerism

Waco, Texas
November 11, 1941
Pittsburgh Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Editor:

Considering the fact that Joe Louis signed a contract to fight Buddy Baer, for the benefit of the U. S. Navy; Joe Louis is representing Democracy to the superlative degree. In his dynamic and manly spirit, Joe represents the Negroes of America, and the World. Before we can succeed in destroying Hitlerism abroad, we must first destroy discrimination at home. Jan. 9th, 1942, will place Joe among the ascending stars of the first magnitude.

G. H. Walker
State Evangelist of the Tenth Episcopal District; AME Ch.

Should Support Him

Newark, N. J.
The Pittsburgh Courier:

I approve of Joe's action.

Freedom—There is no price too big to pay for it. You live for it; you fight for it; you have to work for it, and Jesus died for it that all mankind should live, so why can't we try.

The 12,000,000 Negro Americans should stand with him in the greatest fight of his life that we may come closer to our fellow man and mine.

John Eborm.
105 Sumner Avenue
Newark, N. J.

Looking to Future

417 N. Tarragon Street
Pensacola, Florida
The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joe Louis is looking far ahead in his title bout for the benefit of the Navy which is our own Navy. It means more consideration for the Negro race as a whole.

Rev. Jack J. Herring
World War Veteran
A Baptist Minister.

Another Score for Louis

The Pittsburgh Courier
2628 Centre avenue, Pgh.

Joe Louis' agreement to give a benefit bout for the relief society of the United States Navy is a far-seeing stroke against the Un-American undemocratic policy of the Navy's Discrimination against Negroes as seamen and officers. Their acceptance of such a gift at the hands of the Heavyweight Champion makes them and their policy look utterly ridiculous and chalks up one more score for Joe Louis in his fight against race prejudice and for the betterment of his people in America. Let the fight go on.

George E. Haynes
Executive Secretary
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches.

Basis for Fight

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The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Negro leaders do not understand clearly minority group methods in a Democracy when they find themselves opposed to Joe Louis' efforts to help the U. S. Navy. The Navy is our Navy, it will ultimately yield to the Democratic process as much by our own efforts as the efforts of any other group. We have supported many institutions in America thru taxation, which institutions have been undemocratic. Nevertheless, we have fought the undemocratic activity and paid the taxes. This is one of the ways of making the Democratic process do the will of the people. Joe's effort for the Navy will lay a basis for a strong fight that the Navy become truly an institution of the Democratic process.

Horace A. White
Plymouth Congregations Church
Member of State Legislature.

Fight Like Hell, Joe

Roanoke, Virginia
Nov. 22, 1941
Pittsburgh Courier,
Pittsburgh,

Joe Louis is taking the advice of Jesus Christ and the greatest being in time and eternity. Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. Yes, Joe fight fair and fight like hell.

Rev. G. A. Long, Pastor
Deals Avenue Baptist Church
Memphis, Tennessee.

Time for All of Us

NOV 29 1941

Nov. 21, 1941
To The Editor
The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

So, thousands of Afro-American Mongrels say, "let Joe boycott the Navy."

Joe should reply, "How many Negro-baiting moving pictures, newspapers, whiskey, tobacco, jewelry, automobile firms, stores and factories have you closed by your boycott?"

Mike Jacobs should emphatically reply, "your daily boycott could practically eliminate the Navy and other race problems in less time than it took to teach ladies how to smoke."

It's time millions of indifferent Negroes stopped unloading their share of the race problem on Joe, Marian, Duke, etc., who have already done far more than their "bit". It's time each of us does his share of boycotting or remains in his hole, silent and content. That goes particularly for those able to boycott the two thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars a year ones, including The Pittsburgh Courier Staff.

Oscar A. Lucas.
15 Philip Street
Albany, N. Y.

Not Worth the Title

NOV 29 1941

1007-18th Street
Detroit, Michigan
Nov. 22, 1941

As a race man, I do not feel that the World Heavy Weight King should put his title at stake with Buddy Baer in behalf of the U. S. Navy due to the Navy's policy of Jim-Crowism.

T. H. Dunigan.

An Unwise Move

NOV 29 1941

1010-12th Street
Portsmouth, Ohio
Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Sir:

I fail to see the wisdom of Joe Louis fighting for the benefit of United States Navy, which practices Un-Americanism.

If the loyalty of the Negro in time of peace, or war, and the memory of the thousands who have died for democracy have not broken down this barrier, how can a prize fight do it?

Rev. Alonzo Ware, Pastor
Allen Chapel AME Church.

A Soldier Writes

91st Eng. Bn. Co. D.
Camp Claiborne, La.
Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Why should we as a race, approve of Louis or any other member of the race putting himself to any disadvantage to build up anything that has drawn a color line. Why doesn't he fight a fight to build up the NAACP, the greatest organization in America.

I am a soldier in the U. S. Army, but would far rather be a member of the NAACP serving day and night to blot out discrimination, which is facing every Negro in America. We should wake up and face our problems, instead of worrying about problems of a race who have branded us as "inferiors".

Pvt. James H. Reid.

It's Hard to Believe

1412 E. Fifth St.
Muncie, Ind.
To The Editor and Friends:

When the Rear Admiral of the Navy said that our Negroes were not fit for anything but bootblacks, and to work in the mess hall, it's hard to believe one of our leading prominent men of the world would help such an organization as that who is bitterly against our race boys being given higher rank.

Are we to fight against discrimination, or help those who hate us? If he must give a benefit fight, why doesn't he help smaller cities to build something for his own race so our children might have decent places for recreation?

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. D. McCallister.

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Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

All in The Game

BY JACK TROY

Stirring Comeback

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Lou Nova has come back a long way since his fight with Tony Galento. In fact, one might truthfully say he has come back from dangerously close to the valley of the shadow itself.

There was some question, after he had taken such a terrible beating from Two Ton Tony, if he'd ever fight again. Nova was a sick man. He lost more than 50 pounds.

He has staged a remarkable physical comeback. Today he is a bull of a man. Intellectually he's smart. He talks blithely of a "cosmic" punch, but he probably harps on it mainly for psychological reasons. It still takes more than conversation to get Joe Louis off his feet, however.

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Nova may be the man to do it. This will be Louis' 19th title defense. He has been the busiest heavyweight champion of all time. He has met good, bad and indifferent challengers. But probably he has never met one quite like Nova.

The California collegian with the "cosmic" punch is likely the most durable challenger of them all. He may prove the toughest puncher.

And if he's not talking just for publication, he's going to turn it into the liveliest heavyweight title go since Louis Angel Firpo knocked Jack Dempsey into the sportswriters' laps.

For Nova insists there will be a lot of knockdowns on both sides—and the last man to rise will win. No one has dared to talk of trading punches with Louis in such a manner heretofore.

But Nova absorbed Maxie Baer's best wallops and picked his spot to put the Hollywood playboy away. Baer was beyond his peak but he could still punch.

Same Old Talk

The talk that has been current and recurrent and for the last year continues. Joe Louis is losing his zest for fighting. He has slipped past his peak, etc.

There's a theory that because he is due to go into the Army he is resigned to giving up his title. There also is talk that his matrimonial affairs are still somewhat tangled.

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Probably the truth of the matter is, however, that Louis would prefer to retire undefeated. He has been a great credit to his race and it would be fitting if he, as a great fighting man, should retire as a champion.

This seems more logical than to think he has lost interest in the championship. And he couldn't have slipped too much. When he had to put Billy Conn away, he did.

Louis can still punch. He has learned a lot about pacing himself and picking his spots. He has had more rest between fights than he usually does. So he ought to be at a keen pitch.

Conn was a fast, elusive target. He made the mistake of not staying away when he had a wide lead in points late in the 15-round fight.

Nova is not the shifty boxer Conn is but he is a much harder puncher. But whether the one will offset the other only Monday night's fight at the Polo Grounds will determine.

Timing's the Thing

While Nova identifies his punch with Yogi mysticism, the explanation of the blow itself seems perfectly logical. He declares Louis has the same sort of wallop.

"Louis was lucky. He had it from the beginning. I mean the ability to deliver a blow at the precise moment when he was a perfect balance and when every muscle was perfectly co-ordinated. That's what made him the greatest champion the ring has ever known.

"But not many fighters have it, and I was one. I've had to work it out for myself according to an exact mathematical formula. In my last fight with Max Baer I had to wait until he tired and slowed down a little before I could use it effectively, but now it's automatic.

"It's added a great deal of power to my blows. Why, the other day when I hit one of my sparring partners on the arm with it, with the big gloves, he complained I'd broken it.

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"No matter how tired I get, I've got myself trained to go on hitting with perfect balance, putting every ounce of force behind my shots. Perhaps Louis doesn't have that faculty when he's tired," Nova declared.

Few people have the faculty to do their best when tired and maybe Nova is just talking. At any rate, he doesn't insist Louis is a "bum" or that he is going to knock the champion's head off.

This erudite collegian, with the look of a hairy north woodsman, may have something, at that.

But until the champion's beaten, he's not a bad choice to string along with.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Williams, Joe Louis Also Named

DEC 18 1941

Yankee Outfielder Gains 42 Votes; Craig Wood Fourth Annual Poll

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 17.—Forget for the moment that the football season is just over and think of the three men whose names were most prominent in sports news during 1941. You'll probably come up with the names of the athletes who were listed 1-2-3 by 82 sports experts participating in the annual Associated Press poll. They were Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and Joe Louis.

DiMaggio's name appeared first on 42 ballots and either second or third on 20 others as tribute to his record-smashing feat of hitting in 56 consecutive American League games and leading the New York Yankees to the pennant and the world championship. His tremendous margin over Williams, who won the league batting championship with a .406 average and the home run title as well, was due, perhaps, to jolting Joe's ability to lift the entire Yankee team with him to winning heights.

Wood Is 4th

In the voting, DiMaggio polled a total of 157 points to 74 for Williams, who received only five first place votes. Louis, who defended his world heavyweight title seven times during the year, was so far ahead in the realm of boxing that there wasn't even a contest. Still he received only 10 first-place ballots and 64 points. A few scattered points were distributed among Billy Conn, Ray Robinson and Lem Franklin.

National Open Golf Champion Craig Wood earned fourth place on the list with 27 points, just four more than Don Hutson, Green Bay Packers' end, whose presence near the head of the list emphasized the fact that 1941 failed to produce a superstar in football.

Smith and Sinkwich Listed

Last year the "No. 1" man was Michigan's Tommy Harmon and the year before it was Nile Kinnick, of Iowa. This year's college grid leaders were Bruce Smith, of Minnesota, and Frank Sinkwich, of Georgia, each rated tops by three voters for totals of 16 and 12 points, respectively. Between these two on the list were Cornelius Warmerdam, the pole vaulter, with 14 points and Golfer Ben Hogan with 13.

Leaders in other sports were Bill Smith, the Hawaiian swimmer, with five points; Bobby Riggs, national tennis champion, with two; Willie Hoppe, billiards; Joe Platak, handball, and Ned Day, bowling, one point each.

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Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

OPINION

JOE LOUIS'S MANAGERS ARE NOT SO DUMB

John Roxborough and Julian Black, managers of Joe Louis, told the AFRO last week that they had considered all the angles before putting their signatures to an agreement permitting Joe to fight for the navy for nothing.

John and Julian are smart boys. They have made no mistakes since they took Joe as a laborer in the Ford plant in Detroit and built him into a world's champion.

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They may not be making an error now, but if they get out whole it will be by a narrow margin.

Here's the setup. Joe will fight Buddy Baer in Madison Square Garden, January 9. His entire purse, minus only his expenses, will go to the New York Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society.

Baer will get his usual 12½ to 20 per cent. Joe will be donating his services for one U.S. organization which refuses to enlist colored boys except as cooks, waiters and flunkies.

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Assuming that Joe's gift in this case will run from $20,000 to $100,000, the average fan immediately concludes that Joe's managers are crazy, and that a boys' club or a recreation center in overcrowded Harlem is far more worthy of Joe's philanthropy.

Roxborough said Joe knows of the navy and army jim crow, but gave his consent to a benefit for the army and navy, hoping that it might help to break down barriers.

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Foxy Roxborough added that Joe might be in the army when the fight comes off. So where are we?

If Joe is in the army January 9, they'll grant him a furlough to fight in a navy benefit.

His generosity will dramatize nationally navy's jim crow. He'll make friends in the army and navy—a drafted man needs friends. NOV 18 1941

It may be that John and Julian are not so dumb as many people have told us during the past week.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

The Navy Does An About-Face

NOV 22 1941

I could be wrong, but I think I can feel an undercurrent of insincerity in the American stream of prejudice. Such an undercurrent would serve to explain the Navy's amazing announcement of a few days back, revealing that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis would headline a boxing bill with Buddy Baer on January 9 for the benefit of the New York Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society. Under the Navy's unwritten rules, a Negro may serve his country in this branch of the armed services only in a menial capacity, as a mess attendant.

In other words, although the Negro could be trained to man any position on a battleship, the rating of a gunner, torpedo man or navigator is considered too good for him. Keep him, therefore, in the mess hall; make him feel that the white man is a superior being and that it is a magnanimous gesture on his (the white man's) part when he allows a Negro to work on a battleship even as a menial.

If the Big Wigs of the U. S. Navy were playing the game of prejudice according to Hoyle, it would seem to follow that they would be too proud to accept any favors from a colred man which might smack of philanthrophy. Still, this is just what the Navy has done, and it might be added here that Joe Louis did not seek the opportunity to fight under this queer setup. The negotiations were carried out by high Navy officials in New York in collaboration with officials of the United Service Organizations (USO) and Promoter Mike Jacobs. Only then was Joe approached.

Let's Look at Both Sides of Matter

It is easy enough to dismiss the proposed fight with a derisive chuckle and say simply that the Navy has more brass than a brass monkey while roundly denouncing Joe Louis for having consented to be party to such a deal. Easy enough, too, to send telegrams to Joe and his managers, as some of my friends have done, appealing to the Champion's pride in his race and demanding abrogation of the deal.

"If there ever was a time," I heard a man say the other day in a Harlem bar, "when we could have set the Navy back on its heels and told its officials where to get off with their color prejudice, this was it. Joe passed up the opportunity to establish himself for all time as a champion of liberality. All he had to do was to say that he would not fight for the benefit of the Navy as long as the Navy continued to discriminate against Negroes. Joe would have been a hero for that, but instead he has consented to be a party to this disgraceful deal."

I am not going to quarrel with any member of my race who feels about the matter as this man did, but I do believe that there is more than one phase to this deal and that we should be broadminded enough to take all of them into consideration before censuring Joe. In the first place, in spite of the fact that the Navy discriminates against the Negro, we must bear in mind that when the sailor boys start their shooting war with the enemy, as they seem about to do, they will not merely be shooting in the interest of white Americans but also in the interest of every Negro who lives under the American flag. Probably that is the way the Navy officials look at it.

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Joe Is Still A Splendid Representative

In the second place, Negroes did not give Joe his chance at the world's heavyweight title and Negroes certainly did not contribute materially to the wealth that Joe has garnered. For years after Jack Johnson lost his title to Jess Willard, the Navy's prejudiced attitude against the Negro was rivaled by the prejudiced attitude of the boxing powers. The Negro could fight for cheap purses and for some of the less important titles, but not for the heavyweight crown.

It was not until the boxing business became dormant for lack of a dynamic figure that the door of opportunity was finally opened to the Negro. Even then, there were misgivings on the part of many whites who professed to be friendly toward us. They were afraid that a Negro champion would soon become a ragtime figure and stir up racial animosity everywhere he went.

Joe fooled them all by lifting the heavyweight title to a new level of dignity. He has given the whites no cause for complaint and has destroyed every reasonable argument that they could pos- When this Navy proposition came up, I think I know enough about

sibly have against another Negro prospective heavyweight king. Joe and his managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough, to say that they gave it careful study from every angle.

When a man has you in his power, you don't help yourself any by thumbing your nose at him. The smart thing is to do everything possible to get him in your debt and so put him on the spot that he would be thoroughly ashamed of himself if he did not give you a break next time. There is such a thing as killing off your enemies with kindness and in accepting this bout I think Joe is showing that his patriotism transcends the bounds of prejudice. Who knows he may be doing his race a lot of good. Such an example can't help but impress the white man.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis To Face Tony Musto in 15-Round Tiff

APR 7 - 1941

Galento Hooks Up With Buddy Baer on Tuesday Night

APR 7 - 1941

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, makes his fifth start on his fight-a-month program when he tackles Tony Musto, of Chicago, to headline this week's national boxing program.

They meet in a 15-rounder at St. Louis Tuesday night. This will be Louis' sixteenth defense of his crown. He kayoed Abe Simon, of New York, in 13 rounds in his last start, which was one of the longest and hardest fights of his career. He has a return engagement with Simon in May.

Tony Galento, the "Beer Barrel Poker" from Orange, N. J., who was kayoed by Max Baer in eight rounds last summer, comes back to take on Brother Buddy in a 10-rounder at Washington, D. C., also on Tuesday.

The rest of the program is curtailed due to the Easter holiday.

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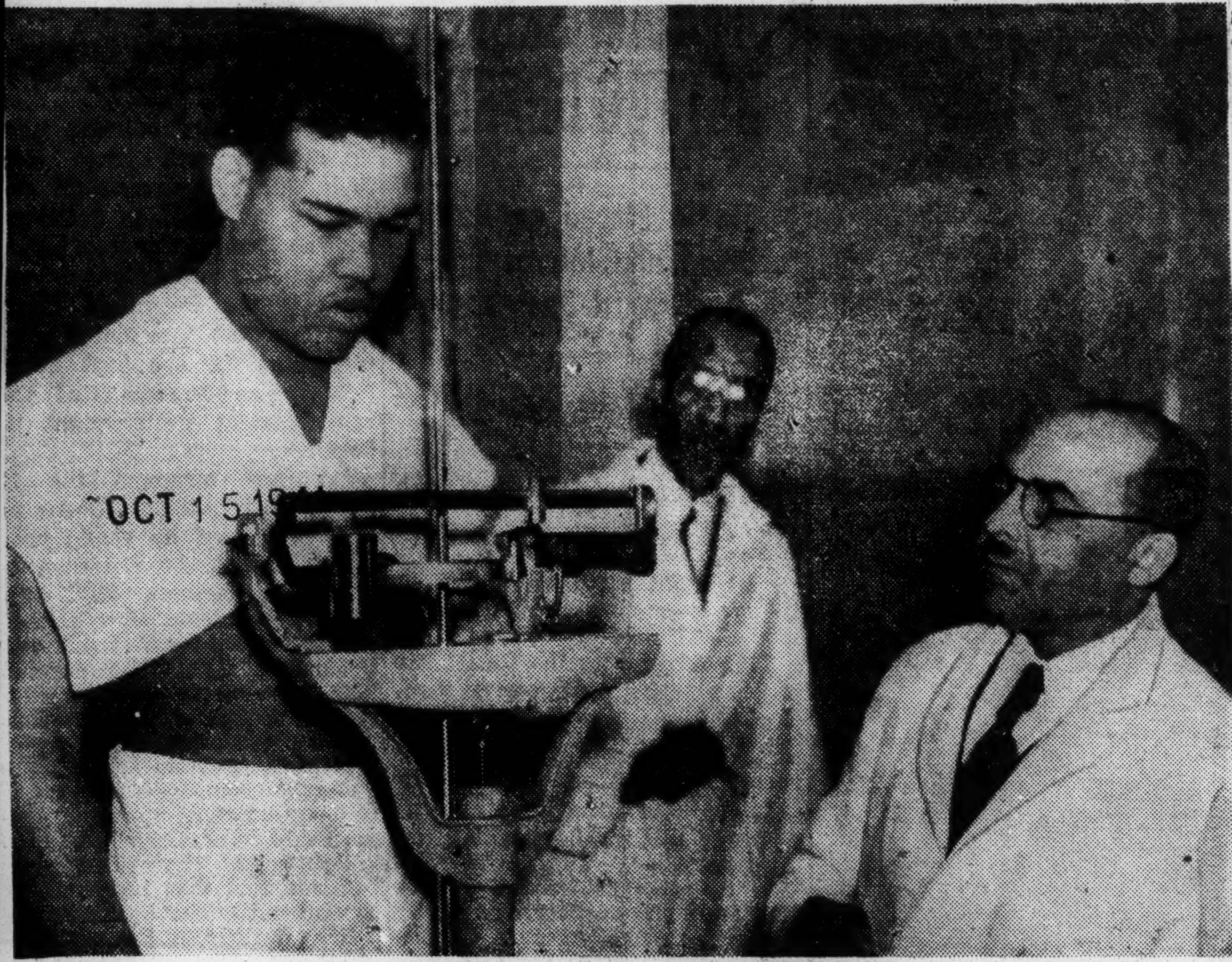
New York Times
New York, N. Y.

A NEW KIND OF 'WEIGH-IN' FOR THE CHAMPION



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Joe Louis being examined for the Army in Chicago yesterday. Dr. Herbert Turner is at the right.

JOE LOUIS PASSES HIS TEST FOR ARMY

OCT 15 1941

Brown Bomber Now Subject to Immediate Call—Carries On Exhibition Tour

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14—Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, today passed his medical examination at Provident Hospital and thus became subject to immediate call for duty in the Army.

No official announcement on the test was issued, but Louis successfully passed every requirement.

The Brown Bomber has ten days in which to appeal the medical board's findings, a recommendation which makes his 1-A classification final. However, no indication was given that he will contest the physicians' report.

In case he does, however, Louis will be re-examined by Advisory Board No. 84 when he is called in the next quota to be submitted by the board between Nov. 20 and 24. On passing this second trial the champion then would be inducted, Titus O. Fentress, chairman of the board, said.

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Although Louis is said to prefer the aviation service he will have no choice unless he enlists. After the lengthy examination he left for an exhibition bout at Great Lakes. He did not smile once during the examination.

Julian Black, one of Louis's managers, explained the fighter's grouchiness by saying he had a cold acquired at a recent exhibition at the ordnance depot at Savanna, Ill. The titleholder will finish his tour at Selfridge Field, Mich., Thursday, after which he will go to his farm at Utica, only seven miles distant, to await his call to the service.

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Louis, who had joked about the possibility of his rejection because of flat feet, was happy to be informed by a member of the medical staff that they were all right.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Louis Great All Around Athlete

Joe Louis might have been a champion in any other sport had he adapted himself to it instead of boxing. Joe hits in the low 80s in golf and sometimes breaks 80. He's a good ball player. He bowls an average of about 190 in league games. He can ride a horse like a cowboy. And, he can run like a deer and could run a marathon with ease. A 100 yards in 11 seconds is what can do when right. He can pull an oar with any college crew man. He, too, is a pip with a rifle or a pistol.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Joe Louis May Not Go Into U. S. Army

OCT 6 1941

NEW YORK—(SNS)—He's a "first-class fightin' man," is this Joe Louis the bomber-man, but even so it appears this week that the heavyweight champion, who will be 28 next spring, may not be called by the army after all. Joe, resting at the Hotel Theresa after his fight with Lou Nova, taking in the series and making radio appearances, seems more than willing to fight for Uncle Sam. The question: whether Uncle Sam, so speculation runs, may not prefer Joe to continue fgihting in the ring and added considerably to tax funds.

At any rate, Louis starts a tour of army camps within a few days putting on boxing exhibitions; and there is talk of a fight with big Abe Simon in January. With only a short time to serve if he does enter the army and his obvious money-earning powers for the Government should his services be limited to camp tours, Joe will hardly have anything to say that will affect matters one way or the other. Meanwhile, Joe awaits Uncle Sam's call.

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

LOUIS FIGHT FILMS TOO BAD TO SHOW

OCT 11 1941

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 9—Saying that films of the Louis-Nova fight, if shown, would harm boxing and leave a bad taste in the public's mouth. RKO officials have decided not to release them.

Nova's poor fight against the champ hit them a severe blow, for it was figured that $250,000 would be grossed if the challenger's stand had been a good one. If he had beaten Louis, one executive said, their gross would have been at least half a million.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE LOUIS

NO NEGRO in this country has received more acclaim than Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, and no boxer has had greater respect from the masses than has Louis. Damon Runyon, a former sports writer but now a columnist and short story writer for the Hearst publications, paid as fine tribute to Louis as a boxer and man as we have seen. His tribute in part reads as follows:

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THE YOUNG MEN of today who view Louis rather casually will be telling their grandchildren that he was the greatest heavyweight that ever lived. His prowess that they now take for granted will expand in perspective, as is always the case. We do not have to wait to address posterity on this point We think right now that Louis is the greatest heavyweight we ever saw, and a most remarkable individual generally.

He came up out of the Alabama fields none too well educated, but with a natural dignity that he has never lost He has defended his title oftener than any other heavyweight champion that ever lived. He has fought clever men, fast men, slow men, clowns, cuties and sluggers, all types, and whipped them all. He has fought black men and white men.

HE HAS NEVER dodged meeting any opponent offered him, has fought on a score of different battlegrounds, and never belittled any man. He has always admitted his own weaknesses and he has even recognized the immutable law we have mentioned.

"I ain't as good as used to be," Louis said not long ago. "I'm slowing up."

Many champions in other fields often realize the same thing, but rarely does one have the courage to admit it to himself much less to the public. Louis spoke without regret. He is a wise man though he may lack the educated processes of thought that makes man wise. He is a credit to his race and up to date he has set a high mark of sportmanship for men of all races.

Whether we like professional boxing or not, we all must admit that the Negro race is fortunate to have a man of the calibre of Joe Louis as champion today.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

WAR DEPARTMENT 'PROUD' TO HAVE 'JOE LOUIS'

NOV 2 1941

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 30 —When Joe Louis, following his bout with Lou Nova, delivered himself of that now famous anti-Hitler punch line: "Maybe my next fight will be against Max Schmeling somewhere in No Man's Land, and I won't be pulling punches", his victory sentiment found a ready response not only among American youth, but throughout the official upper reaches of the War Department itself.

Testifying to the Army's high regard for the champion as "A fine example for American youth of all races," the War Department issued the following statement which was made public here this week:

"The Army appreciates the high position which he holds among all who are interested in clean sportsmanship. The qualities which he has shown thoughout his career in the ring have made the champion a fine example for American youth of all races. The Army is proud to have him enter the ranks as an American soldier."

The statement was contained in a letter to the National Negro Congress from Lt. Colonel F. V. Fitzgerald, War Department public relations chief, in response to a letter to Secretary of War Stimson. The Congress letter characterized Louis as "a champion whose high type of sportsmanship has won for him the love and respect of the entire American people," and urged Mr. Stimson to see to it that Louis is given the opportunity to exercise his great talents in further strengthening the morale in all sections of our country's armed forces.

NOV 2 1941

Following an examination Tuesday, Oct. 6 by physicians at Chicago's Provident hospital, the champion was pronounced physically fit. He is now subject to immediate call for military service.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Army Praise To Joe Louis For War Stand

War Dep't Calls His Statement Example to All Youth

OCT 29 1941

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GREENWOOD LAKES, N. Y.—(C)—"Joe don't care much for vegetables. Beans and carrots he'll eat because they're essential to his health. But about the only vegetables he really likes is corn."

This is mild William Bottoms airing Joe Louis' likes and dislikes about food and Bill should know as he's been cook for the Brown Bomber for 6 of his 57 years. Bill then hastily adds. "And I never had a cross word with that boy during all that time."

With the Champion right in the middle of an important training period (For Nova is next) Bill had to be especially exacting about Joe's diet. The first thing Joe is given is a glass of orange juice squeezed from three fresh oranges Next comes five prunes "stewed with not much sugar and a little lemon" Bill carefully explained, At ten o'clock, after Joe has done his road work and has had his nap, he gets his real breakfast. This comprises a slice of boiled ham and two boiled eggs, medium soft. With breakfast, Joe has tea with sugar and lemon. He never drinks coffee. But he might eat a piece of toast though—

"He's a poor bread-eater," says Bottoms. For dinner—his only other meal—Joe has butter wafers sometimes. Louis' dinner comes at 5 He has meat—steak, turkey or chicken or lamb chops—and what ever vegetables Bottoms can persuade him to eat. But he always has a good fresh salad of fresh and canned fruits with no salad dressing, but plenty of lettuce. He has tea again, but no desserts to speak of. He might eat a few sliced peaches or eat a medium portion of ice cream. Joe likes vanilla.

Another thing Bottoms thinks is helpful in the champ's fighting regimen is pickled beets. "I 'most always serve him a saucerful with his dinner," Bottoms says. "I make them with a little sugar and vinegar and a slice of onion."

Joe's favorite food is steak. Bottoms serves him about a pound of porterhouse at a sitting. The meat is brushed with butter, salted and peppered and broiled fast. "It doesn't make broiled meat tough to salt it before cooking," Bottoms thinks. "Maybe stewing meat but not broiling."

On the day of a fight, Joe eats only once, at 2 p. m. He has found that a lunch of blackeyed peas cooked with ham hocks brings him luck and now he won't eat anything else before he goes into the ring. "He's got a superstition about it," declares Bill.

Bottom ssays that when Joe gets overweight, he does extra work in the gym. They figure they have his diet down to a science and don't want to interfere with that. He eats few if any sweets, except when he's not been training, and then only a little candy. He never had to take any vitamin capules. "Poe's always been in very good health,' observed Bottoms.

Before he was Joe's food adviser, Bottoms had a very successful cabaret in Chicago. "It was a Dreamland", he says, "and good business for eight years. Then the depression came along." After that he ran a roadhouse until he joined the Louis camp.

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Joe Louis Would Get Kayoed By Lem Franklin, Scribe Says

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By JIM TULLY

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—(Special)—There isn't much doubt in my mind today that Lem Franklin, a Cleveland boy, given the chance, could become the next heavyweight champion of the world. But will he get that chance? I don't think so.

Lem has the ability. He has the punch. He's good—too good for his own good. They were all ducking Franklin before, not only Champ Joe Louis but the contenders, too. And they'll duck even more, after what Franklin did to Tony Musto at the Arena last night before a crowd of 8,393. Musto got his crack at the title but Franklin—that remains to be seen.

September 24, Lem scored a technical knockout over Tony in the second round of a scheduled 10-round battle. The end came at 2.29, after Musto had gone to the floor for the fourth time. Referee Joe Sedley stopped the fight, with Tony on one knee. It was the right thing to do because Musto certainly was helpless at the time. Maybe Tony could have been up before the count of 10. But he couldn't have lasted much longer.

RIGHT TO HEART DID IT

Louis battered Musto with everything in the book for nine rounds and never had Tony off his feet. Louis beat Musto on a technical knockout in the ninth round. Franklin walloped Toney with one punch—a blasting right under the heart—and stopped him cold in less than two heats.

Franklin finished the job with rights and lefts to the head, yes, but it was that goshawful right under the heart that caused it all.

When that right landed, Tony stopped dead in his tracks, his hands fell to his sides. A couple of sizzling rights to the head dropped Tony for the count of nine. A left hook dropped Toney again for four. Another right caved Toney for seven. He tried to get up and when Lem charged in for the kill, Musto sagged to one knee. Here it was that Referee Sedley called a halt.

It was Franklin's eighteenth knockout in his last 19 fights.

It was the first time Musto had ever been called out while he was on the floor. Toney was on his feet at the end of the Louis scrap.

In the dressing room after the startling battle, Toney said, and sincerely:

"I'm positive sure Franklin could knock Joe Louis out. Louis might be faster than Franklin, but, no, he doesn't hit any harder. Franklin is a sharper puncher, much sharper."

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BUDDY BAER TO GET 2D CHANCE IN NAVY SHOW

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Champion Receives Expenses Only.

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New York, Nov. 12 (AP).—Joe Louis will defend his heavyweight boxing title against Buddy Baer in a 15 round scrap in Madison Square Garden here, Jan. 9, with the proceeds to go to navy relief.

Rear Adm. Adolphus Andrews, commandant of the 3d naval district and commander of the North Atlantic naval coastal frontier, announced tonight that Promoter Mike Jacobs of New York arranged the championship fight.

Adm. Andrews said Louis would receive only his expenses in turn for risking his title, which he defended successfully against Buddy in a previous fight in Washington on May 23.

Profits to Provide for Emergencies.

The bout will be for the benefit of the New York auxiliary of the Naval Relief society, of which Adm. Andrews is president. All profits will be given to the navy relief to provide for emergency situations encountered by officers and enlisted men of the United States navy and their families.

The New York office of Promoter Jacobs made no comment on the fight except to confirm the navy's announcement.

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Louis defended his crown for the 19th time when he knocked out Lou Nova in six rounds here late in September. It took the champion the same number of rounds to dispose of Buddy in their meeting last spring.

Baer Plans to Wade In.

Earlier today, the bulky brother of former Champion Max Baer predicted in Sacramento, Cal., that he would win the title the next time he crawled into the ropes with Louis.

Instead of dreaming up something fancy like the cosmic punch that failed for Nova, Baer plans to wade in and match the champion blow for blow.

Buddy weighs 254, just 10 pounds over his fighting weight. He will train at Lakewood, N. J., for five weeks.

Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager, previously had announced Buddy would fight Louis Jan. 2, but Jacobs at the time said the announcement was premature.

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The Greatest Teacher Is One Whose Example Can Make A People Great

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By ROBERT QUILLEN.

Joe Barrow, better known as Joe Louis, is the idol of his race. That is natural, for in physical combat with white men he has been severely beaten only once in ten years, and in that period his net income has averaged close to $75,000 a year. That is good going for a grandchild of slaves, only two generations removed from the jungles of Africa.

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A biographical sketch in Time says Joe was a dull-witted boy unable to get beyond the fifth grade. Until he was taught to use his fists, he had no capacity for anything more than unskilled labor.

Without shrewd guidance, he might have earned the contempt or hatred of the nation, for rare indeed is the ignorant young man of any color who can endure sudden wealth and fame without playing the fool.

But Joe had shrewd managers. They taught him to adopt the public role of purity and virtue; to treat white opponents with polite deference; never to enter a white man's night club alone, and never to let himself be photographed with a white woman.

The wisdom of this training is evidenced by the fact that no reputable publication has ever printed a criticism of Joe's behavior.

In that particular he is a model for his people, and yet it is unfortunate that they should have him as an idol.

White people do not make idols of their fistic champs. Among the white champions of the last thirty years, only two have been popular and only three respected.

Negroes love and admire Lincoln, not because he won fame and riches, but because of his great service to them.

Washington and Edison rank first among America's immortals, not because of their wealth or fame, but because of their enormous service to their country and to mankind.

The ancient truth still holds: He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all.

It is natural to admire a winner; and where money is the measure of success, a man who gets much of it is a celebrity, whether a slugger, a dancer or a gambler.

Yet the fact remains that individuals and races can win the world's respect only by behaving well and being useful. And the leader who teaches his people this ancient truth is the only one who can lead them to higher ground.

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Joe Louis Says He Will Fight Until Title Is Taken Away

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By GEORGE W. COCHRANE
INS Sports Writer

SCOTT FIELD, ILL., Oct. 11.—Some day—that day that invariably comes to all champions and which all champions dread—some bony youngster, rippling with muscle and aquiver with animal ferocity, tough, game, clever and possessed of punching power, will whip Joe Louis. Just when that will happen no one can even hazard a guess. At the moment there is no such successor to the present heavyweight king of the world in the offing.

Strange as it may seem, Joe discusses this matter quite freely. He realizes as well as anyone does that no champion goes on forever. He may hold on longer than the average heavyweight champion because he has reached the average now since the days of John L. Sullivan.

The "dark dynamiter" was seated in the living room of the palatial farm home of R. A. Lumpkin discussing his hobby which is breeding of show horses and other thoroughbred livestock. He spoke of the time when he might become Joe Louis, Michigan farmer, and someone else would be basking in the fistic spotlight, occupying the throne Joe has held since he knocked out James J. Braddock in Chicago in 1937.

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The champion and his party were invited out to the Lumpkin estate near Mattoon for chicken dinner and to see the famous show horses Lumpkin owns. Joe is right in his element discussing show horses. He owns some fine stock himself and is an expert at showing his horses in the ring.

"How long do you think you are going to hold the heavyweight crown?" W. P. Hamel, publisher of The Mattoon Journal-Gazette, asked the champion.

"No one can answer that one," said Joe seriously. "I suppose until some young fellow comes along who can beat me. I know every heavyweight champion has to be whipped if he stays in the game long enough. I'm going to stay in. I don't believe in giving titles away. I believe a man should win or lose in competition. Gift titles are not worth having.

"Of course Uncle Sam wants me to do a little job for him before long now. I don't know whether he wants me to continue this exhibition tour over the country, which I would be very glad to do if I can help the soldiers, or whether he wants me to go to a camp. But I'll answer when he calls.

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"I don't know how long the war is going to last, so I don't know how long the national emergency will last. So I can't tell when I will defend the title again. But I'll be keeping in shape no matter what I'm doing and I'll be ready to defend the title when the opportunity presents itself.

"I'm young yet. Jack Dempsey was 32 when he lost the title. Bob Fitzsimmons was champion at 37. Many champions have held on until longer after they were 30. I'm only 27. I imagine the way I take care of myself I will be able to go at least another 10 years if I care to."

"You proved in your last fight that the report you had slipped was phony," I put in.

"Yeah," he smiled. "I hadn't slipped any. I didn't fight too good against Billy Conn and he is a great fighter. Don't let anyone tell you he ain't. Maybe I didn't train quite as hard for that one as I could. But I trained for Nova and I found in that fight that I had not slipped a bit. I guess you agree with me on that."

Bomber Joe Gets Air-Minded

Classified as "1-A" and found in perfect condition physically, Joe Louis has indicated that aviation would be his choice if he has to go to the army. To look over just what he would have to do, he journeyed to Chanute Field, Ill., last week where part of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, composed of Negro personnel is being trained. Here he is pictured with Lt. Col. Alfred Lindeburg, executive officer of Chanute Field. He tried out one of the big ships while there.—(ANP).

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THE ROUNDUP:

Louis Starts Army Exhibitions; See Terry Going to Cleveland

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Jenkins-Angott Clash May Be Called Off

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Joe Louis gave his first boxing exhibition yesterday on his seven-day tour of Middle Western army camps. He staged a show at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., while soldiers cheered the anti-Hitler champ who may soon be inducted himself.

Joe's itinerary includes Savannah, Ill. today and thence to Rantool, Ill., Belleville, Ill., Fort Sheridan, Ill., the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and Camp Custer, Mich. (where Joe will renew acquaintances with his pal, Hank Greenberg).

JENKINS-ANGOTT GO IN AIR

The Lew Jenkins-Sammy Angott lightweight title bout, scheduled for Oct. 31 at the Garden, is very much up in the air following the action of the Boxing Commission in withholding Jenkins' purse for the bad showing he made against Red Cochrane Monday night.

Fight followers are still criticizing other steps taken by the Commission. They included suspension of six months and 60 days respectively, administered to Ray Carlen and Ray Arcel, manager and trainer of Lou Nova, for Nova's lack of aggressiveness against Louis.

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Swinging wildly, the commission also hung a six-month suspension on Cochrane's manager, Willie Gilzenberg, for allegedly telling Red to take it easy in the early part of the bout with Jenkins. (See Bill Newton's comments on the commission in this column, "The Pinch Hittler.")

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DUROCHER IN TOWN

Leo Durocher and Joe McCarthy are still in town, and probably will re-sign managerial contracts within a few days . . . They certainly deserve them, with raises . . . One rumor has Bill Terry going to the Cleveland Indians in an executive role, and Lefty O'Doul coming in from the Coast to take over Terry's spot with the Giants. . . .

Eighteen victories in 25 series with the Cubs since 1903 is the record of the White Sox. . . . They clipped the National Leaguers four straight this season while another city series was going on in New York . . .

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This Morning

—With Shirley Povich

Joe Louis also is a pretty good fighter. Billy Conn provided most of the sensations the other night at the Polo Grounds and at the finish he had the respect of everybody who likes to evaluate courage, cleverness and the willingness to trade punches, but somehow the fact remains that Louis won the fight.

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Somehow, Louis has the unhappy knack of making heroes out of the guys he licks to the great detriment of his own place in the public eye. The champion always seems to miss top billing after each successive knockout victory. He stopped Tony Galento, but the chief topic after that fight was Galento's punch that put Louis on the floor. He knocked out Abe Simon but the most discussed after-the-fight angle was Simon's feat of lasting 13 rounds. Louis beat Musto in nine rounds, and that was labeled a dull performance. He knocked out Buddy Baer in six, but Louis emerged chiefly as the guy who had been dumped through the ropes in the first round.

And now Louis, still champion because he was able to batter Conn into defeat with a murderous thunder of punches in the thirteenth round, discovers that the hero of that fight was not himself, but the loser, Billy Conn. He has a right to ask what a guy has to do to achieve some credit.

It's understandable, though, why Conn emerged as something of a hero from the other night's encounter. He was giving away 25 pounds to the man who was labeled as the best heavyweight champion since Dempsey, and he was giving Louis a sound beating until he made the mistake of trying to slug it out with the champion in that thirteenth. Conn was putting on a show and exhibiting himself as a fancier boxer, faster puncher and more willing mixer than Louis. He had the sympathies of every little man who ever found himself apparently overmatched and up against it. He was their symbol of their day of reckoning.

But Joe Louis was probably fighting his greatest fight the other night. For the first time he was finding himself outboxed and being beaten to the punch. On the night when his million-dollar title appeared to be slipping from his grasp he caught up with the young wraith who was stinging him badly and knocked him out. Louis was fighting the best man he had met since becoming champion and he was able finally, to muster a knockout punch. It was important that he should. Only two rounds remained before Louis would be stripped of his title on points. He had to be a pretty good champion to pull that one out.

For some reason, the doubt of Louis' greatness has been persistent. When he was fighting his way up out of obscurity, knocking over second-raters in rapid succession, credit was withheld. Wait until he meets some of the better fighters, was the admonition. Louis met the better fighters. He knocked out Max Baer in four rounds, he dispatched another former champion, Primo Carnera in six, and he made short work of Jack Sharkey. He won Jimmy Braddock's title, and apparently he was a pretty good champion.

But the refrain in those days was, Can Louis take it? Until he met Max Schmeling, he had never been on the floor. Schmeling put him down and kept him down, and Louis' ability to take it was under question. Well, Jimmy Braddock had him down and he knocked Braddock out. Tony Galento put him down and he climbed off the floor to knock Galento out in the next round. Buddy Baer knocked him through the ropes and he struggled back to butcher Baer.

In the Polo Grounds the other night, Conn staggered Louis a couple of times with crushing right hands on the chin. A mere 175-pounder was hurting Louis. He was both hurt and bewildered, because Conn wouldn't hold still for him. But there is certainly no evidence that Louis can't take it, because at the finish it was Louis standing placidly in a neutral corner while the referee was tolling the fateful decimal over a prostrate Conn who had tried to slug it out with the champion.

The upshot will be, of course, that all of Louis' other immediate engagements will be canceled to clear the way for a return bout with Conn. That one will mark the return of the million-dollar gate. Lou Nova is the unhappy loser. He was supposed to get a shot at Louis' title in August, but that would be poor business what with Louis and Conn dead certain to produce a million-dollar gate.

When they go back in there again in September, this department will pick Louis to beat Conn all over again. He has a knack of catching up with those fellows who made him look bad.

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LOUIS, NEAR DEFEAT, STOPS CONN IN 13TH AND RETAINS CROWN

Bomber Suddenly Turns Tide, Hammering Foe to Floor With Furious Attack

CONTEST THRILLS 50,000

Polo Grounds Bout Marks 18th Successful Defense by Joe of Heavyweight Title

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Joe Louis still is world heavyweight champion, after his eighteenth defense of the title he won four years ago from Jim Braddock in Chicago.

The famed Brown Bomber sank Billy Conn, former world light-heavyweight champion, with a depth-bomb in the thirteenth round of their scheduled fifteen-round battle before a crowd of about 50,000 wildly excited fight fans, who paid about $400,000, in the Polo Grounds last night.

But the Bomber will never come closer to being toppled from his throne than he did before Conn collapsed under the paralyzing power of nerve-deadening blows. Thus Joe escaped crashing into the category of the ring's ex-champions.

In a battle that was thrilling and highly spectacular to a degree not generally anticipated, Conn came within the proverbial eyelash of upsetting predictions as he stirred the emotions of the great crowd with a brand of battle few had dared expect, Louis least of all.

Eddie Joseph was the referee. The judges were Bill Healy and Marty Monroe.

Louis weighed 199½ pounds and his opponent 174.

The struggle started as it had been expected to. Conn danced backward pecking and pawing with timid lefts while Louis, guard high, moved forward, taking jabs on his gloves and looking for an opening.

Conn was slippery of foot coming out of his corner and almost fell. He sparred around Louis for a minute without striking a blow while the champion could not land because of his rival's speed afoot. Suddenly Conn, pivoting, crossed his feet, stumbled and fell. And as he went down Louis drove a right to the head.

Conn Forced to Ropes

In this, when Conn arose, Louis ripped a right to the heart and in an exchange the champion forced his foe to the ropes, driving a powerful left and right to the head.

Near the end of the round Conn hooked a left to the jaw, but Louis countered with another volley to the head and was forcing Conn to the ropes at the bell.

Conn followed the same procedure in the second round. For a minute he danced around, sticking and stabbing with lefts designed to keep Louis at bay. Suddenly Louis cut loose in a savage fire at close quarters and hammered Conn to the ropes with a cross-fire of rights to the body and head and grazing lefts to the chin and jaw.

Conn retreated under the fire. He was forced to hold. Once he fought back in desperation. But the blows were thudding against his head and body whenever an opening presented.

Louis did not hit a vital spot because Conn was too elusive and the champion, in his eagerness, was wild. Louis missed many blows and he was short with others. But he wrought plenty of damage.

Left Hooks Exchanged

An exchange of light left hooks to the head came early in the third round and there was an exchange of jabs, Louis's the heavier, before a clinch.

A left to the head sent Conn into a covering stance from which he emerged with a left hook to Louis's head. But the champion sank a left to the body and Conn clinched again. Twice Louis picked left hooks off in the air as he drove his own to the head and made Conn cover. In the clinches Louis seemed at a loss because Conn tied his arms against attack.

Suddenly, in the last half minute of the round, Conn hooked a solid left and right to Louis's jaw and volleyed lefts and rights at short range to the head. A left hook to the head stung Louis just before the bell.

Conn set into Louis as the fourth round started. He dug a left to the body and twice crossed rights to the jaw which made Louis blink.

The crowd was in an uproar urging the challenger on. Conn piled into Louis trying to get to close quarters. In the clinches Conn sought to hammer the body but Louis held the challenger's arms.

Twice at long range Conn crashed his right to the jaw and in a clinch he belted Louis with rights to the body. Another right went home from Conn as they sparred at long range.

The challenger was working with blinding speed and Louis could not get set for a punch. Just before the bell, however, Louis sent his rival's head back with a straight left to the face.

An exchange of lefts and rights to the head opened the fifth round before Conn went back to long-range sparring.

Conn had no fear of the Louis punch now. He was boxing smartly, hitting sharply and cleanly. Conn drove several rights to the jaw, with a number of left hooks to the head.

Suddenly, Louis staggered his rival with a left hook to the jaw.

There followed a drum-fire of rights and lefts to the head and face under which Conn staggered and lurched on uncertain legs.

A left hook opened a cut over Billy's right eye. Rights drilled to his head with dizzying effect. He was shaken and his nerves were partly numb from the late pounding as the bell rang.

Louis was out for the kill as the sixth opened. Conn sought to dance out of harm's way. Louis plodded in stealthily until he suddenly got close enough to wing a left hook which reopened the cut over Conn's right eye.

A savage right to the heart hurt Billy at close quarters, but he danced away again and hooked a left to the head, more as a threat than with any intention of stopping Louis's rush.

Louis Keeps Moving In

The champion was having difficulty getting home a solid shot at close quarters. Conn was too shifty. He was bobbing and weaving and "riding" with the rights and lefts Louis jolted short-arm style. But Louis persisted on the attack, nevertheless, ignoring Conn's weak lefts and rights to the head and hammering at the body and head.

Conn retired going to his corner at the end of the round. The right side of his face was swollen. His nose was cut and his right eye bled.

Starting the seventh Conn danced cautiously away from Louis, pecking with his left for the face. The champion tried a combination left hook for the body and right for the jaw, but was short, and Conn drove homa grazing right to the jaw.

Conn was careful now. He wasn't leading much because he wanted to leave no opening. An exchange of left hooks to the head followed a session of sparring and Louis suddenly rushed his foe to the ropes with a left hook to the body. Louis crashed a right to the head as Conn hooked a left to the head. But, after landing a right and left to the body close, Conn missed a right for the jaw. Then Louis grazed his head with a wicked left hook.

Champion Pounds Body

Louis pressed his rival starting the eighth round. He came in with a left hook to the head against Conn's right and left to the head. The champion ripped close to pound the body with both hands and jar the head with a left and a right. A left hook landed high on Conn's head and he went back on his heels.

But he fought back carefully, extending his left in a jab and cocking the right for a thrust when he wasn't throwing a left hook to the head. Feinting cleverly, Conn three times drove his right to Louis's jaw. He followed with a left hook to the head.

Then, in a volley, he sent several rights and lefts to the head as the crowd yelled encouragement. Louis was unable to return the fire.

The champion wasn't hurt, but he was flustered. So was Conn for that matter with the success of his own fire, for after the bell sounded the challenger unleashed a roundhouse right for the jaw which missed. Louis had turned and was heading for his corner.

Conn was talking to Louis as the ninth started. What he said was lost in the roar of the crowd. The challenger carried the fight to the champion and pelted Louis with a volley of lefts and rights to the head and face.

Repeatedly Conn drove his right to the champion's jaw. Conn's left jab had Louis bleeding from the nose. In a clinch Conn ripped a right to the body. He was dancing around, stalking Louis, jabbing with his left to the champion's face, rushing close with short-arm lefts and rights to the head and digging savage long lefts to the body. One long left to the wind hurt Louis noticeably.

Bomber Gets Close

Apparently under orders, Louis went close as the tenth round opened, seeking to batter his foe about the body. But the champion was stymied because Conn covered against the fire.

Conn hooked long lefts to the body until a right to the head drove him into a neutral corner. Another right grazed Billy's jaw as he danced out of range.

Then Conn went in for an exchange of lefts to the body and in another clinch held Louis helpless. Louis was shaken with a left and a right for the jaw as Conn backed into his own corner.

On the wet canvas Conn slipped down, but he was up in an instant, sparring cautiously, until Louis forced the action to close quarters where he jolted Billy's head with short-arm lefts and rights to the jaw.

Conn fought back bullishly, trading drives to the head and beating Louis with lefts and rights to the body for which the champion had no defense and no counter.

Conn clung close to Louis starting the eleventh, blocking Joe's drives for the head. When the champion had fought himself out, he lashed out to Louis's mid-section and face and head with snappy lefts and rights, short-arm blows that were more tantalizing than painful.

Repeatedly Conn sank his left to the body. Then, in one furious surge, Conn ripped rights to the head repeatedly until he brought Louis's guard down. Then Conn shifted to the head with a fire of lefts and rights which blinded, befuddled and staggered the champion. Conn appeared as fresh as a daisy when the round ended. Louis was heavy-footed and hurt. And the crowd was yelling wild encouragement for the doughty challenger.

Billy Is Cut Again

Louis leaped to the attack in the twelfth and landed several left and and right hooks to the head as the round opened. But Conn returned the fire, although one of Louis's lefts cut Billy under the right eye.

A right to the jaw stopped one Louis rush. A left hook to the body landed cleanly on the champion and was followed by two more rights for the jaw which landed high.

The challenger beat the champion to a left hook to the head and in a clinch hammered Louis severely about the body.

Stepping back suddenly, Conn almost floored Louis with a left hook to the jaw. Louis, staggering and swaying, dived into a clinch, preventing himself from falling. And through the rest of the round Conn hammered his foe steadily.

It was Conn who was looking for a knockout victory as the thirteenth opened. Louis was the desperate one.

The challenger slapped a left hook to the head and then went close, where Louis hammered home solid short-arm lefts and rights to the head and jaw. But Conn came out of the danger swinging lefts and rights furiously to Louis's jaw and head in an electrifying outburst that had the crowd on its feet.

Conn's Knees Buckle

Suddenly Louis rammed home a terrific right to the jaw and Conn's knees buckled. The blow came out of desperation. It landed with the full force of Louis's body back of it. It was a fair, true, square shot to a vital nerve center and Conn was hurt. Louis saw to it that his challenger never came back.

The champion thundered in on the attack. He assailed Conn about the head with both hands. Louis's left dug into Conn's midsection.

Conn sought to retreat and cover. Louis plodded on and hammered. He hit out furiously, with the viciousness of desperation. He cared not where his blows landed so long as they found a mark and hurt. And they hurt.

Under the pounding Conn wilted gradually. Body blows hurt him. Head punches had his head ringing. He was crumbling to the floor when Louis drove a savage right to the jaw and Conn collapsed slowly.

He never moved a muscle until Referee Joseph yelled "six." He was squatting there on the ring floor as the count went to "nine" and then "ten."

Conn was getting to his feet as the referee's arm swung down. He was erect, hurt, a second after the fatal count, ready, it seemed to resume. But it was too late. Conn had been knocked out in 2 minutes 58 seconds of the thirteenth round.

The police detail was the largest ever assigned to a boxing event in this city. A total of 2,250 of New York's finest patrolled the Polo Grounds, inside and out, and the streets of Harlem.

Chief Inspector Edward M. Butler was in charge of the detail inside the park. Deputy Chief Inspector John J. DeMartino was in charge of the outside detail.

Seven hundred police, some of them carrying the old-fashioned night sticks, patrolled Harlem streets from 8 P. M. on. More than 300 others were on reserve duty between the East 126th Street and the West 135th Street stations. There were 200 detectives, sixty-six mounted police, thirty-three motorcycle men and two emergency squads on the job.

Trouble was not expected. It has been characteristic of Louis battles hereabouts that they have been taken in stride, with a minimum of disorder in the Harlem district, regardless of whether he won or lost. But the Police Department, at the same time wanted to take no chances.

Plenty of Betting

Betting on the fight was active, with no change in the odds. Louis was the favorite at 1 to 4 to win and the price on him to score a knockout was 5 to 11. Trick bets on the number of rounds were numerous but inconsequential. The volume was reported on decision. The 1-to-4 odds appealed to many Conn supporters and others who inevitably "invest" whenever odds are better than 1 to 2 or 3.

The crowd was not the largest in ring history. But it was as representative as any ever assembled in the glare of the rings' powerful lamps. All types were there.

Among those seen at the ringside were James A. Farley, John J. Curry, former Mayor John P. O'Brien, Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, J. Edgar Hoover, George Ruppert, Edward G. Barrow, Leo Bondy, Bob Hope, ex-Governor James Cox of Ohio, William F. Carey and George Weiss.

Lending a note that was in keeping with the time was the presence of many soldiers and sailors in their olive drab and their navy blue. They were sprinkled through all sections of the arena.

The first preliminary entered the ring promptly on time. The principals were José Basora, Puerto Rican, and Jerry Fiorello, Brooklynite. It was a four-round battle between middleweights and at the conclusion of twelve minutes of slugging the decision was rendered in Basoras' favor without criticism from the crowd. He was the cleaner hitter and was entitled to the award.

Basora weighed 154 pounds and Fiorello 152.

Fontana Is Winner

Larry Fontana, Brooklyn welterweight, hammered his way to the decision over Johnny Cregan, Pittsburgh boxer who acted as one of Conn's sparring partners, in the first of the six-round bouts. This was a hard-fought struggle, with plenty of head-to-head fighting that held the interest of the crowd. Fontana weighed 152¾ pounds and Cregan 146¼.

Holman Williams of Detroit, a stable-mate of Louis's, won the award over Antonio Fernandez, Chilian boxer, in their six-round bout. The shifty style of attack by Williams more than balanced the scales against Fernandez's fiery bursts of fighting. The decision, however, was not popular. The victor weighed 152¼ pounds and Fernandez 149.

In the semi-final of six rounds Tommy Tucker, fighting Jack Tar from Uncle Sam's Navy, hammered his way to the decision over Charlie Harvey, West Side heavyweight. Harvey was taller and heavier than Tucker, but these were handicaps rather than advantages for the West Sider. Tucker was faster and shiftier with his fire.

Tucker's right-hand drives opened a cut over Harvey's left eye which bothered the West Sider through the closing two rounds.

Tucker weighed 174 pounds, and Harvey 184½.

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Today's Fleeting Crowns

Joe Louis and the New York Yankees are the outstanding continuators of a great tradition—the age of the superchampions. Today tennis champion makes way for tennis champion every year, but in the decade after 1920 Tilden stood first seven times out of 10. In the subsequent 10 years there were six tennis champions, and no one man held the crown for more than three years.

In the decade after 1921 "Bobby" Jones stood first six times, but the following decade saw no less than nine different golf champions. It is the women tennis players who have best maintained the great tradition. Molla Mallory's four championships and Helen Wills's seven championships in the Golden Decade have been worthily continued by Helen Jacobs and Alice Marble with four each.

Is a Golden Age, in sport or civilization, just accident or traceable to a single cause? It may not be too mystic to say that the coincidence in time of William T. Tilden, Bobby Jones, Helen Wills, Jack Dempsey and Babe Ruth was something more than fortuitous. Greatness was in the air. One superchampion helped to breed others.

In tennis, however, it may be that commercialism has interfered with the growth of supermen. Today the champions do not stay long enough in the amateur game to develop into grand old men. Ellsworth Vines, Perry, Budge hasten to cash in by turning professional. Two of the three men can be well imagined making a serious challenge for the Tilden record if they had been willing to cooperate with the years.—Topics of The New York Times.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOE PACED SELF PERFECTLY; SIMON HAILED FOR STAND

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By JOHN R. WILLIAMS

DETROIT, March 27.—"Who said Joe Louis couldn't think? He has fought one of the cleverest battles tonight I have ever seen. We thought we would outsmart him and catch him napping, but my hat is off to him. He has earned the fight and has won it both with his head and with his fists," thus spoke Jimmy Johnson, manager of Abe Simon, after Louis had battered down Simon for the last time before 19,000 fans here at the Olympia Friday night.

It had been the intention of Louis to end the fight as soon as he could. His very first punch in round one was an honest to goodness right hand swing that would have kayoed and kept almost any fighter on the canvas, but Abe Simon was too tough. He was unafraid, and he was determined to give and take with the world's heavyweight champion as long as possible. Six weeks ago after his bout with Roscoe Toles, this paper saw that Simon was being groomed for Joe Louis, and the writer was one of the few who took the ability and endurance of Simon seriously. Few men have ever been punched as often and as hard as was Simon who lasted almost 13 rounds before Louis last Friday night. He was . . . he is . . . stout-hearted and fearless, although in the ultimate end he became just another of Joe Louis' victims.

LOUIS CAREFUL

Louis was quick to realize that he could not afford to take unnecessary chances with Abe. The tall, bulky challenger has the reach of a Fitzsimmons and lunges at an opponent with a most persistent left jab. Make no mistake about it, Simon annoyed the champion. There was never a moment when Louis was in danger, but there was never a round in which Simon's left jab did not keep Louis off balance.

Some gave Simon three or four rounds, but the Hebrew challenger scarcely deserved more than two. His worrisome left weapon perhaps entitled him to the second stanza. The same might be said of the fourth, and in part of the sixth and tenth rounds he was the aggressor, even though he was forced to take various and sundry samples of Louis punches at the close of both rounds.

RE-MATCHED

Simon has been re-matched with Louis. The return bout was tentatively scheduled for May 16 in Madison Square Garden, in New York, but if Mike Jacobs is as smart as we believe him to be the fight will be held outdoors in June when at least one-fourth of the fans who will wish to see the encounter might be accommodated. It is a potential million dollar attraction and old Mike Jacobs is too million dollar conscious to pass up an opportunity to add another cool million to his already imposing array of profitable gate attractions.

Abe Simon the new Cinderella man of fistiana stands at the threshhold of pugilistic prosperity. The one individual who perhaps is most largely responsible for his rise is a black man—John Arthur (Jack) Johnson whose sins of omission and commission kept him in the background Friday night. Under ordinary circumstances Johnson would have seconded Simon in the latter's corner just as Blackburn seconds Louis. Jack Johnson has been Simon's trainer since the Louis fight was booked and irrespective of the almost universal unpopularity of Johnson it must be admitted that he knows more about ring cleverness than almost any man who ever lived.

Three months ago this same Abe Simon showed here for the first time. At that time he decisioned Roscoe Toles and he was scarcely better than a mediocre boxer. The tantalizing left jab that he displayed last Friday night was to him a thing apart three months ago. It alone kept Louis off balance for more than 12 rounds and enabled Simon to bathe in the glory of remaining with Louis longer than most experts had imagined he would or could. That same precious left jab was taught Abe Simon by none other than Jack Johnson, the old ex-heavyweight champion of the world who has been forced to pay so heavily for bad judgment out of the roped area and for an irresistable flair to transgressions that American public opinion would not condone.

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18,000 SEE BOMBER EXTENDED TO WIN

MAR 22 1941

Louis Meets With Unexpected Resistance Till Simon Is Punched Helpless in 13th

LOSER DOWN FIVE TIMES

World Heavyweight Champion Entered Ring 1-4 Favorite to Score Within 5 Rounds

MAR 22 1941

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DETROIT, March 21—Joe Louis had Abe Simon, the huge boxer from New York, on the canvas midway in the first round of their clash, scheduled for twenty rounds, at the Detroit Olympia tonight. All signs pointed to a quick and easy triumph for the Detroit Negro, who wa risking the heavyweight championship of the world for the fifteenth time since he came into possession four years ago.

But to the amazement of an overflow crowd of more than 18,000, the New Yorker weathered the first round, survived several stormy exchanges in subsequent sessions and proceeded to give the Brown Bomber a slashing, all-out battle that went thirteen rounds.

In the thirteenth, the Negro, aroused from his lethargy, unleashed an offensive that swept all before it. He stepped after his foe with the opening bell, brought him to the canvas for a count of nine and, when Simon arose, dropped him again for a nine count. Right hand punches to the jaw felled Simons both times.

Simon Is Dazed

When his opponent clambered to his feet the second time, Louis threw a left hook to the jaw that caused Simon to quiver in every fiber. He seemed completely to forget his surroundings and turned his back on Joe, to regard the crowd with a dazed, questioning smile.

There was no rule in boxing to prevent the champion from firing his potent left once more at his now helpless rival, but Joe, though he had his arm poised for the crushing blow, refrained from throwing it. Instead, he looked at Referee Sam Hennessy, and that official, sensing the danger lurking in Joe's more powerful arm, stepped between them, signaling the end of the fight and Louis's knockout triumph in 1 minute 20 seconds of the thirteenth.

The fight by rounds follows:

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First Round

Simon hooked a left for the head. They sparred and then traded rights and lefts to the head. Louis poked a left to the face, he dropped Simon with a right to the jaw for no count. Simon receded behind his long left and Louis missed a right for the head. Louis drove a left and right to the head and Abe was groggy.

Louis missed a left for the head and Simon held. Simon drove a right to the body and Louis backed to the ropes. They fought savagely, trading body punches in a corner.

Second Round:

Simon brushed the face with a left. He landed another left to the face and hooked a left to the body. Simon rushed Louis into a corner and drove both hands to the body. He missed a right for the head and took a right on the temple.

They exchanged rights to the head and the challenger rushed Louis to the ropes. Simon forced Joe's head back with two straight fast lefts. Joe landed a right to the jaw but Simon persisted in rushing and leaning on the champion against the ropes.

Third Round

Louis advanced toward his foe, who retreated cautiously. Simon missed a right for the head but shot three lefts to the face. Louis drove a left to the jaw, hooked a left and right to the body and a left to the jaw.

Louis landed a right to the jaw and floored Simon for a count of eight. On arising, Simon held while Louis pounded him with both hands. Louis drove two rights to the jaw. The challenger was weak but fought back gamely to the bell.

Fourth Round

Simon dug a left to the body. He forced Louis to the ropes, where they traded lefts. Simon took a left hook on the jaw. Louis drove a left to the heart but took two lefts to the face. Simon grazed the chin with a long right.

Simon drove a series of straight lefts to the face. The challenger shot a right to the body and took a right to the head. Louis drove both hands to the body. Simon retreated steadily as Louis stalked him just before the round ended. Louis landed a short solid left to the jaw.

Fifth Round

Simon tapped a left to the face. The challenger drove two more lefts to the head as Louis advanced. Louis shot a right and left to the jaw, but took a right to the heart at close quarters. Louis crouched and stuck a straight left into Simon's body. Simon returned a right chop to the jaw.

In close, the challenger hooked a left to the body and then landed a solid right uppercut to the chin. Louis rushed his foe but could not catch him. Simon drove a right to the jaw and stabbed three lefts to the face. At the bell, the challenger drove a solid right smash to the jaw.

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Sixth Round

Simon missed a left for the head but landed a right to the jaw. Simon stuck two lefts to the face. Louis sought to reach his foe and advanced steadily. He finally managed to land a left to the body and a right to the jaw. Simon leaned on the champion. He forced Joe into a corner and the latter slipped, but kept his feet.

Louis fired a long right to the jaw, and Simon returned a right to the chin. The challenger forced matters and made Louis retreat under a steady left-hand fire to the head.

Seventh Round

Simon tapped a light left to the face. Louis hooked a left to the head and staggered his foe. Louis shot two rights to the jaw and Simon held. Joe drove both hands to the head and stepped out of the way as Simon sought to hold him. Simon fell but arose immediately. Louis pounded Simon about the head with a succession of merciless rights.

Simon absorbed the punches and stabbed back with his left to the face. Louis took a right to the jaw and then landed both hands to the head. Simon drove a left and right to the face at the bell.

Eighth Round

They sparred until Simon tapped two lefts to the face. Joe moved forward but stepped into two lefts. He missed a left hook for the head. Louis drove a long right to the head but Simon lashed back with a left to the face. Louis hooked a left to the face and drove a right to the jaw.

Louis shot a right to the face. He sent two straight lefts to the face. Simon poked a number of lefts to Louis's left eye, which showed signs of puffiness.

Ninth Round

Simon stuck his left into Joe's face and sent a right to the ribs. Louis landed a left hook to the jaw. He followed with a right to the chin. Simon landed a right to the jaw, then held. Louis whipped two lefts to the face and Simon

held.

Simon missed a long left for the head. Louis poked his left to the face, but Simon fought back with both hands. Simon landed both hands to the body and Louis ripped a right to the jaw.

Tenth Round

Simon again landed his left to the face, then retreated. He stepped in suddenly and hooked a hard left to the body. Louis shot a left to the face and a right to the body. Simon retreated carefully as Louis plodded toward him, seeking an opening. In a close exchange Simon drove a right and left to the body.

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Louis missed a left for the head and took a right on the face. Simon ripped a right to the body, but Louis tossed a left to the chin. The champion drove a light right to the body and Simon again retreated.

Eleventh Round

Louis hooked a left to the head. The champion missed a right for the face and Simon drove both hands to the body. Louis was short with a left for the face. Simon hooked a left to the face, then held. Louis crashed a hard left to the chin and staggered Abe.

The latter recovered quickly and traded long lefts. Louis fired both hands to the body and Simon held. The champion drove two rights to the face and missed a left for the head. Louis landed a left for the face and made Simon hold just before the bell.

Twelfth Round

They went into close quarters and traded light body blows. Simon missed a left for the face and Louis crashed a left for the jaw. Simon retreated but Louis caught him with a right o the jaw that almost floored him. Louis landed a left and right to the head. Simon returned a long left to the face. Simon crashed a right to the jaw.

They traded rights to the head, Simon landing the cleaner punches. Louis land a powerful right to the head. Simon stepped backwards rapidly as Louis moved toward him, seeking to land.

Thirteenth Round

Simon was short with a left for the face. Louis drove a right for the jaw and knocked Simon down for a count of nine. Two more rights and a left to the jaw were taken by Simon. Louis then forced Simon into his own corner and dropped him for nine with two rights to the face.

Louis sent two lefts to Simon's jaw and the latter completely forgot Louis. He turned his back on the champion, who had his left hand poised to fire. At 1:20 in th round Referee Heennessy steppe between the fighters and name Louis the victor by a knock-out.

Long before the Olympia gate were opened, distribution point throughout the city were besiege by latecomers. They met with dis appointment, unless they estab lished contact with the few specu lators in town.

The attendance compared favor ably with the record for a Detroi fight. The high mark was se eleven years ago when Mickey Walker defeated Johnny Risko before 18,943 spectators, many of whom were at vantage points that were hardly comfortable.

Great as was the interest in tonight's battle, it failed to disturb the finnancial record for an indoor fight here. Risko and Tom Heeney drew $78,000 in Detroit in 1927. Top price for that clash, however, was $10. Tonight's ringside pasteboards cost $5. Jacobs estimated Louis and Simon drew more than $50,000.

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A Prohibitive Favorite

There was no wagering to speak of. Louis was the prohibitive favorite to retain his title and what little betting was made was based on how long it would take the Brown Bomber to stop his ponderous foe. The most popular quotations established the champion as the 1-to-4 choice to stop Simon inside of five rounds.

Despite the figure against him, Simon was confident in his bearing as he weighed in this afternoon for the clash. He tipped the scales at 254½ pounds while the tileholder weighed 202. The warriors were examined by Dr. C. L. Tomsu, who found both in top shape. John J. Hettche, chairman of the Michigan Boxing Commission, supervised the examination and the weigh-in.

Nick Castiglione, hard-hitting Chicago lightweight, was impressive in scoring a knockout over Tony Sarullo, Philadelphia veteran, scheduled for eight rounds, the bout ended with Sarullo on the canvas in 2:07 of the second. He was floored by a sharp right to the jaw. The winner weighed 130 pounds and the loser 138.

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Thomas Beats Miehielove

The opening bout, a six-rounder, was won by Pat Thomas, local welterweight. He received the decision, which was unpopular, over Joe Miehielove, also of Detroit. The weights were 143½ for the loser and 141½ for Thomas.

Benny Goldberg, Detroit battler, weighing 121⅛, received the decision over Jimmy Gilligan of Buffalo in an eight-rounder. Goldberg, a southpaw, fought a counter battle all the way and speared his aggressive rival repeatedly with rights to the face. The fight was slow, and the fans shouted for action. Gilligan scaled 125 pounds.

Holman Williams of Detroit earned the decision over Gene Buffalo, seasoned campaigner from Philadelphia, in the semi-final of eight rounds. Holman's steadiness and willingness to toss punches at all times offset Buffalo's cleverness at long range. The weights were 140 for Williams and 149 for Buffalo.

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Conn Convinced He Can Dethrone Champion Louis

MAR 26 1941

Challenger Has Shot At The Title In June; Barlund First

CHICAGO, March 25.—(AP)—Pity poor old Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. Billy Conn says he:

(1) Blinks his eyes at a left feint.

(2) Marks up very easy.

(3) Knocks down very easy.

Of course, Conn's appraisal of the world's heavyweight titleholder may be slightly prejudiced. Billy has a date next June with Louis, after which, this good looking, 23-year-old light heavyweight will tell you very convincingly, Mr. Louis will be just another ex-champion. But to get back to Louis's weaknesses—

"I'm going to box him," said Billy, who arrived today to open training for his April 4 match at the stadium with Gunnar Barlund. "I'll feint with my left, for every time I've seen Joe, a left feint makes him step back and blink his eyes before he can get set again.

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"If I can hit him I think I can knock him out. Anyway, he marks up easy. Didn't he get a bad eye from that Abe Simon? And the guys who hit him—Galento and Braddock—showed he knocks down pretty easy. Trouble is, most of the guys he's fought were scared stiff. They thought just because it was Louis who hit them, them had to go down. If that guy Simon could get to the 13th round, I'm a cinch."

Conn, who weighed in at 181 for his last match, isn't worrying about all those cracks that he is "to small for Louis." Nor is this boyish-looking battler concerned at all over the fact he'll be spotting Barlund a 20-pound weight advantage.

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Conn's manager, Johnny Ray, has shown a little more concern and is insisting the April 4 bout be for 15 rounds instead of the 10-round limit sought by the veteran Finn. This point will be settled tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Billy says he's more worried over something happening to Louis before he can teach him a lesson next June. After about a half-hour visit with this reserved young man, one heads for the closest dictionary to find that while Webster has a word for it, he spelled it wrong. It should have been "Conn-fidence."

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

ST. LOUIS RECALLS LOUIS 'DISCOVERY'

MAR 30 1941

Bomber Will Meet Musto in Ring Where He Won A. A. U. Title Seven Years Ago

SPECTATORS BOOED HIM

Injured Hand Forced Joe to Let Up on Rival—Fans Forecast Great Future

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Outstanding in Tourney

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News
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St. Louis Bout Is Homecoming For Joe Louis

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Joe Resents Remark He Can't Take It Around Head

Angered Champion Determined To Take It Out on Red Burman

By LESTER BROMBERG,
World-Telegram Staff Correspondent.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Julian Black, co-manager of Joe Louis, today disclosed the heavyweight champion is angrier than at any time since his return with Max Schmeling over slights by Jack Dempsey in a recent talk at Wilmington, N. C., and intends to take it out on Red Burman, Jack's man, via a quick knockout in Louis' 13th title defense at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

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During a speech before the Lions Club of the Southern town, while on a refereeing tour, Dempsey said: "Louis is getting a little old and seems to be going backward. . . . He never has had much competition. . . . To be a good fighter you've got to be able to give it, take it and keep fighting hard. Louis can't take it—at least around the head."

Black revealed that the story, reprinted by Negro weeklies and confirmed by Dempsey the other day, was told to the champion early this week. "I just got in from Chicago, but I understand Joe has been pretty sharp in his punching and full of fight," he said. "Those belittling remarks may have had something to do with it."

The co-manager, who works in Louis' corner with Trainer Jack Blackburn, reminded his listener that all orders come from Blackburn, but added: "If it were entirely up to me I'd send Joe out to give Burman a dose of what Schmeling got. That one lasted 2:04 in the first, I think."

Red hot with resentment, Black demanded to know how, in all fairness, Dempsey could have arrived at the conclusions he voiced.

"Louis is 26 and that's certainly not old. He has defended his title 12 times in less than four years and knocked out all but two opponents, one of which he knocked out later. Can Dempsey show a better record for the seven years he was champ?

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"All right, Joe did miss some in the McCoy fight, but he was in with a cutie who ran and ducked like a scared rabbit and then found an excuse to quit when Joe got the range. Is that reason to decide he's going back?"

You Can't Blame Louis For Lack of Foes, Says Pilot.

Lack of competition is a circumstance over which Louis has no control, Black declared, and, "besides," he said, "Joe has fought everybody they've asked him to, which is more than I could say about some other heavyweight champions."

Most irritating apparently was the questioning of the Bomber's ability to take a punch around the head.

"I saw all of Dempsey's fights and I never saw him sop up the punishment Louis did in his first fight with Schmeling. And those rights the German kept hitting him with were all on the jaw or temples. He was a brave boy and when he was counted out it was sheer exhaustion that put him out, nothing else."

Black harked back to Louis' bout with Jorge Brescia in the old Hippodrome as an earlier example of the same thing.

"The South American clipped him one terrific punch. Joe went back wobbling. But he showed how game he was by piling into Brescia and finishing him off."

Low Punches Old Dempsey Custom, Black Recalls.

The co-manager then said: "I haven't anything against Burman and his record is clear, but if Dempsey is giving him any advice the referee had better watch carefully. Some of Dempsey's best punches used to be low ones."

Dempsey will not second Burman, according to his own announcement.

Louis, who concluded boxing yesterday with a four-round session in which he worked under wraps to avoid last-minute cuts, saw a movie last night and was to exercise lightly in Joe Murchio's gym today. He won't come to New York until time for the weigh-in.

Burman, who quit gloved work Tuesday, changed an earlier decision to remain at Mme. Bey's camp until the weigh-in and was to return to the city this afternoon.

Promoter Mike Jacobs has announced that "several thousand" $1.15 seats would be placed on sale tomorrow evening, marking the first time the champion has shown for that price in the Garden. Gallery seats are usually $2. The top price is $11.50 and, with a good ringside sale already reported, Jacobs looks for a gross gate of $65,000. The house is scaled for an $80,000 capacity.

Joe Louis Puts Away Burman In Fifth Round

13,000 See Champion Defend His Title for 13th Time

FEB 1 - 1941

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Joe Louis successfully defended his world heavyweight championship for the 13th time tonight by knocking out Clarence (Red) Burman, of Baltimore, in two minutes, 49 seconds of the fifth round before a crowd estimated at 13,000 in Madison Square Garden. Louis weighed 202 1-2; Burman 188.

After taking all of Louis' best punches for four rounds and still charging in, Burman was floored by a smashing right hand to the heart late in the fifth round. He fell with his head over the lower strand of the ropes near his own corner and barely stirring as Referee Frank Fullam completed his count.

For four rounds, Burman gave as good as he received, although Louis held a considerable edge on points. In the first round, the Baltimorean cut Louis' right eye, and in the third Louis slipped to one knee in Red's corner. It was not a knockdown.

Louis Amused at Quality of Next Rival; Laughs as He Signs for Dorazio Go

Champion's Unusual Merriment Caused by Gus' Statement That 'I'll Beat Louis . . . .'

(The Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Feb. 3. — Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis signed today for the third defense of his title in two months and found the quality of the latest opposition so amusing that he laughed right out loud.

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Agreeing formally to meet Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia Italian, in a 15-round title bout February 17—this city's first heavyweight championship event since Gene Tunney defeated Jack Dempsey in 1926—Joe's unusual merriment was caused by Dorazio's statement:

"I'll beat Louis by bobbing and weaving."

"I'll be ready for him," Joe declared. "He won't be the first one who tried to bob and weave me out of my title." Joe referred to the ring tactics of Clarence "Red" Burman, the Baltimore red-head, who stayed almost five rounds with the champion last Friday night before losing consciousness.

Expects Large Crowd

Still showing a slightly puffed right eye from Friday night's fight, Louis came here with Mike Jacobs, who is co-promoter with Herman Taylor of Philadelphia for the Dorazio bout.

Taylor expects to jam Convention Hall's 15,000 seats at "bargain" prices ranging from $1.25 to $5.75 ringsides, the lowest prices in two decades or more for a heavy championship bout.

He expects gross gate receipts to reach $60,000, with Louis getting 40 per cent and Dorazio 12½ per cent.

Jacobs took the spotlight of the Louis-Dorazio contract meeting to say there is a good chance the champion's scheduled bout with Billy Conn in June might be held in Pittsburgh, Conn's home town. It has been tentatively scheduled for New York City.

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Dorazio's confidence that he will beat Louis and win the championship bordered on "cockiness."

Will Be Ready

"I've been training for three weeks and I'll be in top form when I meet Louis," he said in a high, thin voice, peculiar for his rugged physique. "I can't lose. I always fight best against the good boys." The Italian has lost two fights in the last two years—to Arturo Godoy, a Louis victim, and to Conn.

Louis, who will be making his 14th defense of the title, stayed in Philadelphia to appear at tonight's Middle Atlantic A. A. U. boxing championships. He will begin training Thursday, at Greenwood Lake, N. Y.

Joe Admits Redhead Plenty Tough

Three Terrific Wallops To Body Ends Challenger Before 18,000 At Garden

BY GAYLE TALBOT

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(The Associated Press)

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That punch pushed Arthur Donovan onto the hottest spot he's found in 15 years of officiating. The bright Yankee Stadium ring lights were hot but a cold sweat broke out on his brow. Should he disqualify Schmeling?

Donovan shuts his eyes and shakes his head grimly to this day whenever he recalls that moment.

"I lived a long time there in a second or so," he smiles wryly. "You remember the situation. For two or three days no one talked of anything but the fight. Louis was an odds-on favorite. Fans merely were speculating as to how many rounds Max would last.

"And then—to everyone's amazement—there was Schmeling beating him. Max had had Joe on the floor in the fourth round and Louis' seconds had worked feverishly to get him ready for the fifth. Joe held his own that round. Then came the bell and the punch.

"Should Schmeling be disqualified? Many thought he should. He had landed a punch after the bell.

Not a Foul

"But it was not a foul. I was right on top of them and in the smallest fraction of a second I saw Max start a punch, I heard the bell ring and I saw Max' punch hit Louis. It was a damaging blow, a decisive punch, but it wasn't intentionally unfair. When a punch like that is started, it cannot be stopped, bell or no bell.

"Yes," he said, "that was the hardest one I ever had to call."

Donovan is perhaps the world's best known boxing official. He has refereed more championship bouts than any other "third man," so many he has forgotten the number. But records say he has worked nine heavyweight championships.

It was only natural that Arthur Donovan should get into boxing. His father was a bareknuckle fighter, recognized as middleweight champion in the late 1860s. And when Arthur was growing up his dad was boxing instructor at the New York Athletic Club. He taught there for 35 years and, when he retired in 1914, Arthur succeeded him and has been there ever since.

Donovan the Boxer

Arthur had fair success as a professional middleweight but quit to go with the army to the Mexican border. In 1917 he took off the gloves again to go to France. His last pro bout was on Washington's birthday, 1922, and he was licensed to referee in New York in 1925.

Donovan believes that a referee needs an alert brain and hoss sense as well as a rule book. He thinks common sense sometimes has to be followed in preference to the letter of the law.

"I remember the Apostoli-Steele contest in which Apostoli was struck a low paralyzing blow on the thigh. If he had gone down I would have had to count him out. But he stood there, with one leg stiff and unmanagable. He could not dodge a punch. He might be struck a fatal blow. So I held Steele off and let Apostoli rest until the pain had subsided.

"Maybe there wasn't anything in the rules about it, but that was common sense to me. It was the sporting thing to do."

Donovan keeps in shape for his ring duties by teaching N. Y. A. C. members to box. He works four hours a day, six days a week. Donovan, who stands 5:10 and weighs 170 pounds, has a 14-year-old daughter and a 17-year-old son. The youngster, a 210-pound six-footer, likes football and baseball better than boxing, although he monkeys around the ring occasionally.

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Assignments Unknown

Fees for referee range from $15 at small club fights to several hundred dollars for the big outdoor championships. New York referees are notified a few hours before ring time that they are going to work that night but they never know just which of two or three men may referee the main bout.

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"The hardest decision for a referee," Donovan says, "is to know when to stop a fight in which one contestant is being badly beaten.

"It might be fatal for the boxer if your judgment is wrong. Yet you don't want to deprive him of the chance of coming back in a later round to win.

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"I wanted to stop the fight. I had to remember, though, that this was a championship fight. Schmeling was a former champion. He had to have every chance of weathering this first round onslaught. Luckily, the German's second threw in the towel. That's against our rules and I threw it out again but it told me what I wanted to know: That his corner felt, as I did, that he had had enough. So when he was hit down again, I stopped it."

There have been no thrills in the ring for Donovan.

"You're too busy concentrating on your job to be thrilled by anything. Too much responsibility is riding on your shoulders. You must make decisions and act within the flicker of an eyelid. Remember, fight fans are impatient. Other sports spectators are willing to wait for an arbiter to think something over occasionally but the boxing faithful want their decisions quick.

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JOE'S PLACE DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Courier FEB 1941

By JOHN R. WILLIAMS
(Telephoned to The Courier)

UTICA, Mich., Jan. 27.—Spring Hill Farms . . showplace of Champion Joe Louis, and acclaimed the most beautiful summer resort in the United States for Negroes, is ablaze.

Already the damage to the 428-acre farm has been estimated at $75,000. Twenty-five horses, many of them of the finest breed, and all the live stock, have perished in the fire. The grooms' dormitories have been destroyed, and as we rush to a phone the main building is threatened.

Fighting the fire has been made difficult because no fire department is near, and the volunteer fighters are not capable of holding the raging flames in check.

It is understood the place is partially protected by insurance Cause of the fire is undetermined as we go to press.

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Purses for 34 contests in which Joe participated before he dethroned James J. Braddock in Chicago June 22, 1937, totaled $758,563. For his 14 title fights, including the Burman and Braddock matches, the former Alabama cotton picker earned a total of $1,028,089.

His largest prize was the $321,-245 he collected for stopping Max Schmeling in one round in Yankee Stadium June 22, 1938, to make amends for a previous defeat at the hands of the German. It is the only black mark in Louis' professional record of 48 encounters. He has scored 40 knockouts.

Smallest Purse $50

Louis' smallest piece of money was the $50 he was paid for stopping Jack Kracken in one round in Bacon's Arena in Chicago, July 4, 1934. It was Joe's pro debut.

The Bomber's purses for his 14 championship bouts follow:

June 22, 1937—Knocked out James J. Braddock, heavyweight champion (8), Comiskey Park, Chicago, $100,211.

August 30, 1937—Defeated Tommy Farr, 15 rounds, Yankee Stadium, $102,587.

February 23, 1938 — Knocked out Nathan Mann, three rounds, Madison Square Garden, $40,522.

April 1, 1938—Knocked out Harry Thomas, five rounds, Chicago Stadium, $16,659.

June 22, 1938—Stopped Max Schmeling, one round, Yankee Stadium, $321,245.

January 25, 1939—Stopped John Henry Lewis, one round, Garden, $34,413.

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$33,543 for Roper 'Fight'

April 17, 1939—Knocked out Jack Roper, one round, Los Angeles, $33,543.

June 28, 1939—Knocked out Tony Galento, four rounds, Yankee Stadium, $114,332.

September 20, 1939—Knocked out Bob Pastor, 11 rounds, Detroit, $118,400.

February 9, 1940—Defeated Arturo Godoy, 15 rounds, Garden, $32,848.

March 29, 1940—Stopped Johnny Paychek, two rounds, Garden, $19,908.

June 20, 1940—Stopped Arturo Godoy, eight rounds, Yankee Stadium, $55,398.

December 16, 1940—Stopped Al McCoy, six rounds, Boston, $17,-000.

January 31, 1941—Knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman, five rounds, Madison Square Garden, $21,023.

By Joe Williams

Dragging Out Louis' Victims Arcel's Specialty

Along Cauliflower Row they call Ray Arcel the meat wagon. He's the fellow who usually goes in there and drags the dead bodies out when Joe Louis goes Boom! Boom! He's done it so often it's become a profession.

Apparently the first thing a fighter does when he signs to face Louis is get Mr. Arcel to work in his corner. This is smart for several reasons. It insures the fighter of competent handling in the corner and the services of the most expert dragger-out in the business.

One of the oddities of the Burman-Louis controversy in the Garden tonight, along with the 1 to 10 odds, is that Mr. Arcel will be inactive. Burman carries his own field ambulance—one of the few heavyweights who do. This is all right with Mr. Arcel. He'll welcome the chance to observe a rival in operation.

There is nothing arrogant or egoistic about Mr. Arcel. "No matter how good you are, you can always learn something," he says. He recalls that Rembrandt used to paint by the hour just to study simple color effects and that Paderewski would come directly from a concert and practice piano movements in his hotel suite. "When you get so you think you know it all you're through," says Mr. Arcel, repeating, unknowingly or not, Edison's formula for success.

The amount of sheer carnage Louis has committed in the ring is terrifying to sensitive memories, and Mr. Arcel, plying his unique trade, has been in the thick of most of it. He has carried more Louis wrecks back to the corner than he remembers off hand—fellows like Paulino, Brescia, Braddock, Paychek, Mann and Sharkey. Even Louis has begun to recognize the inevitability of his presence. Louis will go boom! boom! walk away and seem to mumble, "O. K., Mr. Arcel. Come and get him."

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Has No Secret for Success.

Mr. Arcel doesn't think there is any particular secret to his success and disclaims any involved or technical formula. "It's just like you happen to come along and see a fellow who's been hit by a truck. You pick him up and try to do the best you can for him." One thing Mr. Arcel concedes is necessary—you can't be too thin-skinned. "You gotta say to yourself, well, this is prize fighting and prize fighting ain't no sissy's game." Broadly speaking, there are a few fundamental requirements. "You gotta get your grip just right under the poor guy's armpits and you gotta brace him just right with the knee against his back." But those who have observed the astonishingly competent Mr. Arcel in action know there is more to the job than this. Bob Jones made hitting a golf ball look easy, too.

No successful man is ever completely happy, and while Mr. Arcel's career as a meat wagon has been one brilliant triumph after another he still has his regrets. One, anyway. He wasn't in the corner the night Louis blew Carnera to pieces. He feels this was a job that would have brought his genius into its fullest flower. Without mentioning names, which apparently is a fraternal custom, Mr. Arcel indicates it was a botchy performance. "They made it look funny," he reports. To give a serious assignment the tone of clumsy, unconscious comedy is sub-zero in skill, and one can only guess what it does to the soul of a sincere artist.

Mr. Arcel goes about his work with the detached calm of a surgeon. "You can't let your emotions run away with you," he explains. There was one occasion when he did, though, and he's manly enough to admit it. This was the time Louis stopped Braddock, knocked him cold, and as he lay stiff on the white canvas a growing disc of violently red blood formed around his head—a macabre halo and a butchered gladiator.

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"I hated to go out and bring him in," says Mr. Arcel. "He was one fighter I had a kind of love for."

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So Mr. Arcel Went to Work.

But Mr. Arcel went out and brought him in and worked over him and presently they were on their way back to the dressing room and Mr. Arcel put his arm around Braddock and said, "You're still the champ in my book."

Most of the fellows Louis knocks out aren't paralyzed immediately, according to Mr. Arcel, so he has seen some of his clients wabbling and weaving around before he could tell just when the inevitable emergency was going to arrive. One of the few times when he knew the precise moment when his exceptional talents were going to be needed was the night he seconded Paulino.

For the first several rounds Paulino had kept his chin covered and Louis was pecking away with a left trying to get him to bring his guard down and not making much headway. Already Paulino was in there longer than he figured to be, so pretty soon he became emboldened and dropped his left glove, and the second he did Louis went boom! boom! Without waiting for further developments Mr. Arcel started up the steps. "As soon as I saw Louis land with that right I knew I had to go to work," he said.

Mr. Arcel takes the whole business of prize fighting seriously—more seriously than some of these lines would seem to suggest, and he carefully guards the more intimate moments of his clients, such as their reactions in the dressing room before a fight, namely, if they were nervous, frightened, etc. It is typical of him that he insists on saying a good word for Johnny Paychek, who went into the ring apparently so terrified he didn't even attempt to lead a single time. To ringsiders this was one of the most craven exhibitions ever seen in the ring.

"I don't know what happened to him," says Mr. Arcel, "but I never had a calmer or more serene fighter on my hands before or after a fight. And don't forget he took a good beating—and I haven't heard him whimper yet." . . . That wasn't whimpering the customers were doing on the way out, either, Mr. Arcel.

New York Times
New York, N. Y

Louis Laughs at Dorazio's Boast Of Taking Title in Feb. 17 Fight

Champion, Signing Contract in Philadelphia, Refers Gasconading Challenger to the Record for Fate of Other Bold Ones

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By The Assc

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis signed today for the third defense of his title in two months and found the quality of the latest opposition so amusing he laughed right out loud.

Agreeing formally to meet Gus Dorazio of Philadelphia in a fifteen-round title bout Feb. 17, this city's first heavyweight championship event since Gene Tunney defeated Jack Dempsey in 1926, Joe's unusual merriment was caused by Dorazio's statement:

"I'll beat Louis by bobbing and weaving." FEB 4 1941

"I'll be ready for him," Joe declared. "He won't be the first one who tried to bob and weave me out of my title." Joe referred to the ring tactics of Clarence (Red) Burman of Baltimore, who lasted almost five rounds with the champion last Friday night before losing consciousness.

Still showing a slightly puffed right eye from that fight, Louis came here with Mike Jacobs, copromoter with Herman Taylor of Philadelphia for the Dorazio bout. Taylor expects to jam Convention Hall's 15,000 seats at "bargain" prices ranging from $1.25 to $5.75, lowest prices in two decades or more for a heavyweight championship bout. He expects gross gate receipts to reach $60,000. Louis is to get 40 per cent and Dorazio 12½ per cent.

Jacobs said there was a good chance the champion's scheduled bout with Billy Conn in June might be held in Pittsburgh, Conn's home city. It has been tentatively scheduled for New York.

Dorazio's confidence that he will beat Louis was extraordinary. "I've been training for three weeks and I'll be in top form when I meet Louis," he said in a high, thin voice, that was strange for one of his rugged physique. "I can't lose. I always fight best against the good boys."

Dorazio has lost two fights in the last two years, to Arturo Godoy, whom Louis beat, and to Conn.

Louis, who will be making the fourteenth defense of his title, stayed in Philadelphia to attend tonight's Middle Atlantic A. A. U. boxing championships. He will begin training Thursday at Greenwood Lake.

News
Birmingham, Ala.

Huge Ringman Thinks He Can Outlast Joe

MAR 19 1941

Simon Claims Never To Have Been Hurt In Ring And Never Off Feet

MAR 19 1941

BY CHARLES DUNKLEY

DETROIT, Mich.—(AP)—Ponderous Abe Simon, never knocked off his feet in 50 tough battles, presented a one-man ballyhoo in his own behalf Wednesday over his chances of accomplishing the seemingly impossible—defeating Joe Louis.

Simon says nobody believes him, but he is convinced, deep in his heart, that he has an excellent chance against the Brown Bomber, whom he meets in Detroit's Olympia Arena Friday night in a bout scheduled for 20 rounds, or less. The New York challenger bases his conviction on the fact that he never has been hurt by a blow, that he's never been floored, and that Louis, with all his devastating power, cannot hurt him.

Simon, stretching six feet, four inches, and weighing 255 pounds, has the physique to stand up under a terrific bombardment. He has powerful shoulders and arms, and a bulging chest, and not an ounce of fat on his huge frame. He has the biggest pair of hands in boxing, each measuring 14 inches.

Alone In Opinion

"I realize I'm perhaps alone in my own convictions," Simon said Wednesday, "but I'm sure Louis can't hurt me. I'm getting a crack at the heavyweight championship, and I'm going to make the most of it. If Louis can't hurt me, what chance has he got to knock me out? He couldn't even knock down Tommy Farr or Arthur Godoy in their first engagements and will find me just as tough, if not tougher."

Both boxers wind up their training Wednesday. Louis, supremely confident of victory, planned to breeze through four rounds of boxing, with Simon also shortening his work with the gloves to four rounds. The champion plans to enter the ring for his fifteenth defense of the title scaling around 202 pounds. At that figure the world's champion will have a 53-pound weight disadvantage. But he's been up against that kind of bulk before, having flattened Primo Carnera who scaled 267 pounds. MAR 19 1941

Promoter Mike Jacobs arrived from New York to superintend the final details of the battle. With tickets selling from $1 to $5, Jacobs figures on a $50,000 gate of which Louis will receive 40 per cent and the challenger 12½ per cent. The crowd probably will tax the 14,000 seating capacity of Olympia.

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Champion Joe Louis Signs For His 14th Title Defense

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By OSCAR FRALEY

United Press Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—His right eye still discolored from his last title defense, Joe Louis today signed to defend his heavyweight boxing championship against Gus Dorazio, of Philadelphia, in a 15-round bout at Convention Hall Feb. 17.

For his second defense of the title in 17 days—he knocked out Red Burman of Baltimore, in New York last Friday—Louis will receive 40 per cent of the gate which Promoter Herman Taylor estimated would aggregate $60,000 despite the fact that the top seats will sell for $5. Never before in modern ring history has a titleholder in the unlimited division defended his diadem before an audience scaled at that low a top.

Maintaining his usual calm, and apparently bored with it all, Louis signed for the fight in the office of Pennsylvania Boxing Commissioner Leon Rains with his manager and handlers looking on. Dorazio was nervous as he affixed his signature to the contract. Both posted $1,000 forfeit money.

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Taylor announced four classes of tickets for the fight—Philadelphia's first heavyweight championship bout since Gene Tunney won the title from Jack Dempsey in 1926—$1, $2, $3, and $5. The prices, Taylor believes, will lure enough people to Convention Hall to more than make up for the low scale. Dorazio will receive 12 1-2 per cent of the gate.

Louis's right eye still was purple and there was a cut on his right eye lid from the Burman fight, but he said he felt fine and would begin training for Dorazio after resting a few days in Chicago.

"I'm a little overweight, but that's a Winter condition," Louis said when asked about reports that he was not in the best of shape. "I always like to be a little heavier when I fight in the Winter time."

Dorazio, 23, who has lost but two fights in the past two years, promised that "you are going to see 15 rounds of fast fighting."

Two and a half years ago the south Philadelphia battler lost a decision to Burman after dropping him to the floor. Louis knocked Burman out in the fifth round. Since the Burman loss Dorazio has been beaten but twice, by Billy Conn and Arturo Godoy.

Asked how long he expected Dorazio to last, Louis said:

"I don't know how long these boys are going to last. All I do is go in there, do the best I can and hope I win. But you can count on it—I'm going to be punching from the start."

Provided he wins—and most experts don't see how he can lose—Louis will fight Godoy in a title bout at Los Angeles April 15, unless Godoy notifies Promoter Mike Jacobs immediately that he cannot go through with the fight on that date.

After that bout, Jacobs said, Louis might rest until some time this Summer when he probably will defend his title against Conn at Pittsburgh.

Montgomery Ala.

Champ Lands Right To End Fast Struggle

Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

Dempsey's Disciple Carries Fight, But Runs Into Stomach Blow.

By JACK CUDDY.

FEB 1 - 1941

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(UP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis ended the gallant attempt of Clarence (Red) Burman, of Baltimore, to dethrone him tonight by knocking out the challenger in the fifth round before 16,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.

Louis achieved his 13th successful title defense when Referee Frankie Fullam counted out the red-haired Maryland Irishman at 2:49 of the fifth round, after the blood-smeared challenger had wilted to the floor from a hard right smash to the stomach. As Burman fell Louis gave him the coup de grace with a left hook to the head.

BIG OVATION.

When Burman's handlers dragged him to the corner, the crowd gave him a thundering ovation because he had made one of the most determined efforts of any of the parade of Louis challengers.

Burman, disciple of Jack Dempsey, had the heart of a champion tonight, but not the equipment. That was evident in the first round, when the heavier, taller and rangier Brown Bomber landed the more damaging punches, although Burman forced the fighting.

Burman's knockout trip to the deck was the lone knockdown of the abbreviated bout which was scheduled for 15 rounds. However, in the third session—the only one that Red won—Louis slipped in Burman's corner, after missing a punch, and sprawled to the canvas, half through the ropes.

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Champion Joe looked much better tonight than he did on December 16 at Boston when he kayoed Al McCoy. He was punching more accurately and seemed surer of himself.

BOB AND WEAVE.

Burman used the Dempsey bob and weave tonight, while the old Manassa Mauler looked on from a ringside seat. But though Burman had Dempsey's technique, he lacked Mr. Manassa's dynamite when he landed.

At the opening of every round Burman tore after Louis—boring into the taller champion from his crouch. Bomber Joe seemed unimpressed by Burman's blows to the body, but at times when Red landed hooks to Joe's head the champion was a bit flustered.

Pathfinder
Washington, D. C.

Boxing

FEB 15 1941

In the 13th successful defense of his world heavyweight boxing crown Joe Louis knocked out Clarence (Red) Burman of Baltimore at Madison Square Garden, New York, in the fifth round of a 15-round match. But Burman made a surprisingly strong stand, which many "experts" attributed to the fact that "the Bomber" had lost much of the explosive in his heavy artillery. For his work Louis collected $21,023 and the loser $9,197.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Dorazio Goes Down and Out In Fast Order

FEB 18 1941

Louis of Old Crushes Philly Ace

By SID FEDER

PHILADELPHIA, [AP] — The old Joe Louis—the Brown Bomber who was supposed to be on the road down—quit his kidding Monday night.

With a whistling right hand smash that was just as explosive, just as sharp and just as damaging as any he ever has thrown, the Dusky Destroyer put Gus Dorazio to sleep in 1 minute 30 seconds of the second round of their scheduled 15-round bout to successfully defend his world heavyweight championship for the 14th time.

It was an altogether different Joe Louis than the fellow who was wild with his punches against Al McCoy in Boston less than two months ago. And it definitely was a far different fighting man than the slow-punching boxer who could do no more damage to Red Burman's chin than a feather duster less than three weeks ago in New York.

This was the Louis who "rocks 'em and wrecks 'em." And the 15,902 fans who jammed this big Westside arena—biggest crowd ever to see an indoor fight in Philadelphia — roared in agreement.

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At 203 1-2, he was bigger than for any of his 13 previous title defenses, and while Gus, too, was heavier than for most of his previous fights, he still was 10 pounds lighter than Louis.

But ten pounds, or a hundred, it would have made no difference, for this was more like the Dusky Destroyer rated by many as the greatest puncher ever in the ring. It was the heavy duty cannon who sent Mox Schmeling to a hospital, who took Tony Galento apart and who has dominated the heavyweights like a dictator since he tore the title from gallant old Jim Braddock four years ago.

SPARS ONE ROUND

For one round, he sparred around with Dorazio, trying to lure the low-slung south Philadelphian out of his crouch. Then, with the second round hardly under way, he started moving in. As Dorazio lunged forward, he ran right into a long, straight left that straightened him up. Before he could get down into his shell again, a right hand that traveled no more than six inches crashed flush against his chin with the effect of a 1-inch shell.

The beetle-browed local boy hit the canvas on his face, and lay there, his nose digging into the rosin, as Referee Irving Kutcher completed his count of ten. Gus wasn't quite sure afterward just what happened.

"Why did the referee stop it?" he asked in his dressing room, apparently in the opinion it was a technical knockout instead of the clean-cut sleep-producing job it actually was.

Louis just shrugged his shoulders with a job of work well done.

"Guess Ah ain't slipped too much," he told reporters in his dressing room.

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GUS NOT AFRAID

Up to that point, Gus showed he wasn't afraid even a little bit. He walked into Louis as though walking through the front door of his home in the first round. He threw several punches to the body and a short left to the head. In the closing seconds, Joe opened Gus up and rushed him into the ropes with a two handed attack to the body.

If Monday night was any indication, Joe's next opponent—slated to be gigantic Abe Simon of New York in Detroit March 21—had better order himself a suit of armor-plate right now. However, Dorazio, despite his crouching and bobbing, was made to order for Joe. At one point in the first round, he stood in a corner and tried to slug it out with the champion, which is like trying to play pat-a-cake with a buzz-saw. This rushing in was what finally proved his undoing, for he ran directly into the straight left which brought him erect before the right - hand crusher connected.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

16,000 See Massacre at Philadelphia

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Short Smash to Mouth Ends 14th Defense of Title By Brown Bomber

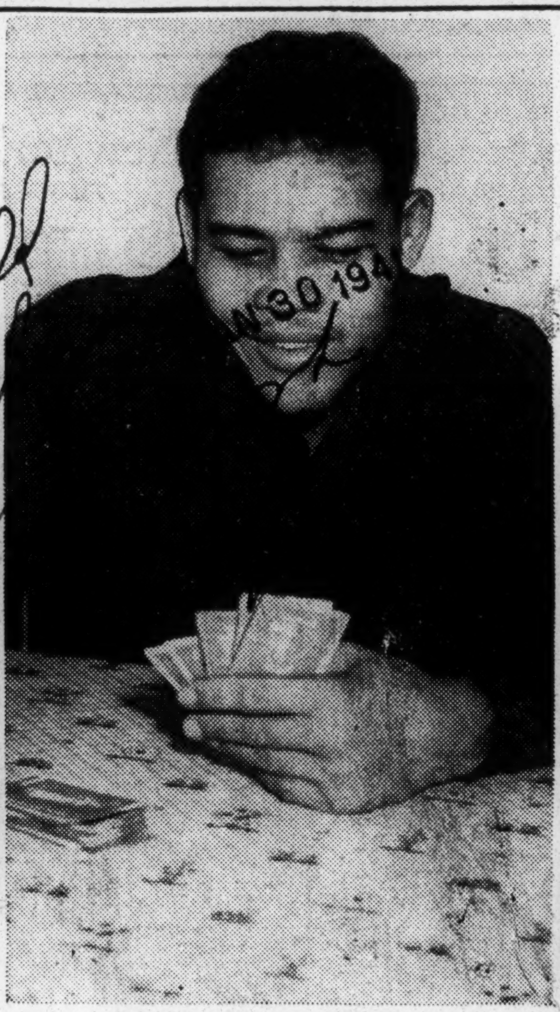
By Bob Considine.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Guess what? Joe Louis knocked out Gus Dorazio here tonight in the second round. It was the Bomber's fourteenth defense of the world's heavyweight championship, Philadelphia's first title fight since Tunney beat Dempsey and the crowd of 16,000 was the largest ever to see an in:loor fight here.

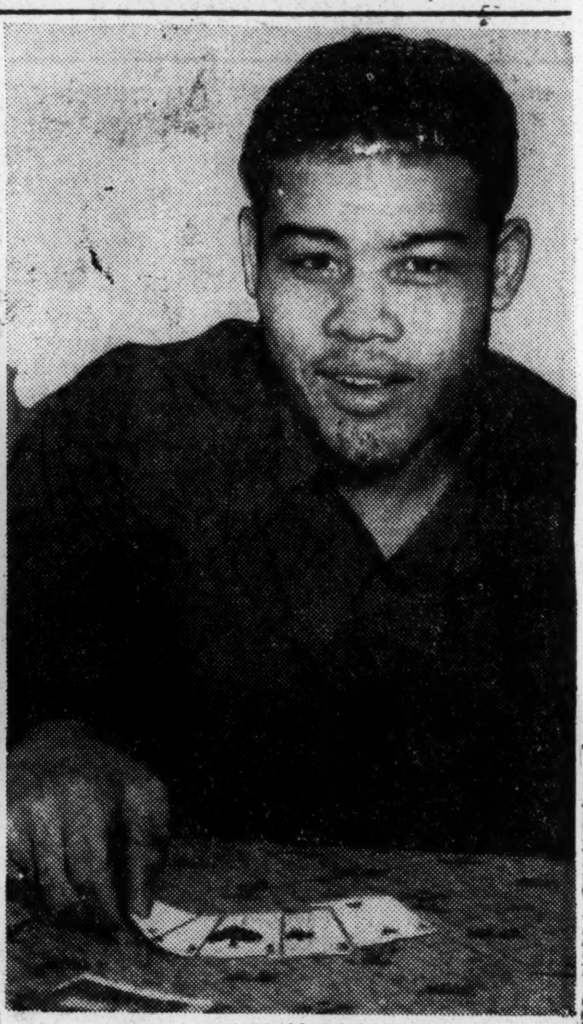
Joe did it, this time, after 1 minute and 30 seconds of the second chapter, with a simply murderous little right to the Italian's mouth. Dorazio was rushing him in the approved squat-tag manner, introduced by Arturo Godoy. But he looked up to take a peek at where he was going, and Joe crushed him with a straight right that did not

When Poker-Faced Joe Gets Down to Playing Poker

Joe Louis whiles away idle minutes before his Red Burman fight tomorrow in the Garden by some sessions of poker. Here he's the dealer cutting cards.



Even Joe can't keep a smile from creeping onto his features as he waits for somebody to bet. Say, he must have something real good in his hand.



World-Telegram Photo by Greene.

Good? It was great! He had aces full, that's all, and you can see the real exultation in his face as he thinks of his winnings. Poker face? He's all pepped up!

event was slated to be broadcast at 10 p.m. (E. S. T.). Jones won the decision

travel a foot, yet collided with Dorazio's face with neck-breaking force.

Dorazio shook from the top of his battle-scarred head to the soles of his flat feet. And, like a running soldier who takes a few more strides after a bullet has let the life leak out of him, Dorazio continued his charge. Joe stepped aside with considerable agility and Dorazio went flat on his face, near his corner.

He did not so much as stir until the count reached five. He lay there with his lumpy nose pressed out of shape against the canvas, and his lips were pressed against the dirt, water and resin of the floor in a grisly sort of kiss.

Challenger Carries Fight

By the time the count reached seven or eight he had half turned with a dazed groan, and was looking at his manager with the sightless curiosity of a man looking into the camera during a newsreel shot of a mob. His seconds dragged him drunkenly to his stool, and Louis, over in the other corner with his milk-chocolate back turned toward the activity in the other corner, raised his arms in a bored stretch.

To his credit, Dorazio went down swinging, and except for the one burst of curiosity that led to his quick and merciful doom, he put up a good fight.

Dorazio came into the ring with absolutely no qualifications as a challenger. He had been stopped by Billy Conn, who stops fewer men than a green light. In his New York appearances, two in number, he had batted .000—having been decisioned once and knocked kicking another time.

But he carried the fight to Joe through the first round, and was carrying it when he got smacked down. For his lumps he gets 12½ per cent of a gate of $57,552.62, which will be heavily shrunken before it becomes net. Louis gets 40 per cent.

Here's How It Was

This was the first round:

Gus rushed Joe, keeing his head aimed at about Louis' navel, which winked solemnly above the champion's trunks. Joe backed away and tapped with a trombone left at the Italian's skull. When Dorazio got in too close Joe would try something new. Instead of backing away, and trying to uppercut his stooping assailant, as he has been doing since the boys began aping the ape-like plan of Godoy, Joe moved forward and leaned over Dorazio's back until his dead pan almost rested on Dorazio's flanks.

But the champion has some strange sense of dignity, and after a while this disgusted him. He charged into Dorazio with all 203 pounds and hammered the 193-pound Philadelphian back into the ropes.

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Louis Looks Faster

Dorazio managed to survive this baleful flurry—in which Joe looked faster than he has looked in the last few fights—and got out of his perdicament with a low charge and shove. He was trying to hook Joe at the end of the round, but Louis was catching his maroon mittens like easy tosses of a baseball.

The second round was beginning to follow this pattern of charge—hook — lean — retreat when Joe astutely stepped back whereas Dorazio expected him to step forward and go into that 2-layer embrace. It threw Dorazio a little off, and he took a quick peek from behind the glove that was protecting his jaw.

The early preliminaries were featured by a "David-Goliath" tussle, with the "David" coming out on top. The little man, Al Williams, Philadelphia Negro, spotted his rival, enormous Ben Moroz, of Philadelphia, 108 pounds and knocked him out at 2:31 of the second round of a four-rounder, with a whistling left hook. Williams weighed 193, Moroz 305.

Myhasuk Wins

In another tussle between two local lads, Johnny Myhasuk, 196½, outpointed Felix Del Paoli, 174½, in four rounds.

Louis' stablemate, Holman Williams, 151, of Chicago, stopped Frankie Britt, 155, of Fall River, Mass., at 2:06 of the fourth round of their six-rounder. The Midwest Negro stabbed Britt with a left jab all the way, cut his left eye in the fourth, and Referee Matt Adgie halted it.

In the next six-round bout, Willie Reddish, 195, Philadelphia, and Lee Q. Murray, 196, Norwalk, Conn., fought to a draw. Both are Negroes.

The scheduled six-round bout between Tony Cisco, 167, Norristown, Pa., and Bobby Jones, 173, Atlantic City, was pared down to four by the promoters because the main

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JOE NEEDS THE DOUGH

A sports writer in the Philadelphia Tribune reports an interview he had with Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis as follows:

"Lots of people think I have got all the money I need. Of course I've got more than I ever dreamed could be got by me. But I can still use more.

"People don't realize how many folks depend on me. Then I've got that farm near Detroit, which ain't paid for.

"And I like to play golf and stay out in the open. So I've got to get enough money to know I can always do that."

Well, we have always held that Joe Louis, being free and 21, had a right to decide on how he should run his own business. We have never undertaken to tell him when to retire as Champion, and feel less inclined to do so, after noting how many other busybodies are undertaking to tell him he should go out of business.

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As far as we can see, there is nowhere in sight anybody who could take over Joe's business and run it as successfully as he is running it.

Now that Joe has said that he does not have the money so many other people think he has, and has a big debt he wants to pay, we feel these things just naturally inspire him with too much ambition to make it safe for us to issue him a challenge.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis Declares He'll Flop Lou In Early Round

Champ Favored By 13 to 5 In 19th Defense

SEP 29 1941

NEW YORK—(SNS)—Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will climb into the ring at the Polo Grounds here tonight in the 19th defense of his crown against Lou Nova in a 15-round encounter.

Before a crowd, estimated to reach the 60,000 mark, the Brown Bomber will match his fistic skill against Nova, who as rated one of the strongest challengers to face the champion since he won the title from Jimmy Braddock in 1937.

Fight fans from all sections of the country arrived in the city in large numbers over the week-end to see what may be the heavyweight champion's final ring appearance before his induction into the army. They also plan to take in the World Series.

Despite the rumor that Louis has been "slowing up", experts expect him to stop the fight before the end of the sixth round. He is 13 to 5 favorite in betting, even though Nova is rated a clever boxer.

FINE CONDITION

After a much-needed rest, following the fight-a-month campaign, Louis has trained methodically for this fight, and is reported by his trainers in the best possible condition.

Against Nova, Louis is expected to abandon the waiting game in which he has been allowing his opponents to set the pace, while he tries to set him up for a counter punch. He is expected to carry the fight to the challenger and finish him in "short order."

When informed of Nova's cosmic punch, Louis is reported to have said, "What do you think of my right?" In fact, Nova who says that the cosmic punch is nothing more than the ability to deliver a blow at the precise moment when perfect balance and coordination of every muscle is attained, said that Joe was born with it.

LOUIS' WEAPON

SEP 29 1941

Louis' most effective weapon will be his murderous punch—a cross with a right. This is what he employed to knockout Red Burman, Gus Dorozio, Abe Simon, Tony Musto, Buddy Baer and Billy Conn during his bum-a-month campaign.

Nova has spent several months toughening up and drilling for the fight with the champion. Six years ago, he loomed as a great "white hope," until Two Ton Tony Galento caught him with a wild punch and sent him to the canvas.

Nova, now 26 years of age, will weigh between 202 and 203 at the state athletic commission's weigh-in at Madison Square Garden today. Louis, who is 27, will top the scales at 202.

This fight will mark the 55th professional bout of the champion and his record to date includes: 46 knockouts and seven decisions.

It pays to be a world's heavyweight champion with those plethoric purses that come to the incumbent.

It also costs something to be the champion, which is exemplified in Joe Louis's present price of training for his championship bout with Lou Nova.

When Joe leaves this camp with his retinue he will have spent more than $7,000 for the job of getting in proper physical shape for the nineteenth defense of the title he won from James L. Braddock more than four years ago.

The upkeep of his cottage alone stands him more than $150 a day for only the very best is served. Then there are the wages of his hired hands, his sparring partners, which amounts to another $75. The rent of the cottage is another item in which he lives with his household of fourteen and added to that the salaries of Chief Chef Bill Bottom, and the secretaries Freddie Guinyard and Rad Morris, which help in the grand total.

That covers only about three weeks here. For other fights Joe has spent a long time in training with the cost proportionately higher.

According to Manager Julian Black, who keeps the books for Joe Louis and Co., a fair average of training bees would be $5,000. Joe has had 32 fights in the big time, or since that evening when he beat Primo Carnera, which would mean that for training purposes alone Louis has spent about $160,000, the life time earnings of more than Mr. Average Citizen.

Of course, there are gate receipts at training camps, which lessen the entire Louis outlay. But, says Manager Black, such monies do not represent 25 per cent of the cost.

Only once in Joe's brilliant career has the auditor been able to write in black. That was when Joe was getting ready for his bout with Bob Pastor at Northville, Mich. about two years ago. That time Joe cleared close to $10,000 for the four weeks he worked there.

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

TERRIFIC RIGHT SPELLS END FOR CALIFORNIA LOU

OCT 1 1941

What May Be Louis' Last Fight Ends At 2:59 In Fatal Heat

Near-Capacity Throng In New York Sees Champ Retain Crown

BY SID FEDER

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Sept. 29—(AP)—In one fearful explosion of fistic dynamite, Joe Louis leveled the California Oak, Lou Nova, in sx rounds Monday night to turn back the nineteenth challenge to his record reign as world heavyweight champion.

He did it in a different way than everyone expected he would. He was supposed to take considerable time bringing down the powerful giant with the yogi habits. Nova was to absorb the blasts time after time, possibly be knocked down several times.

But Joe was stubborn enough to believe his right hand gunpowder was mighty enough to do it in one short vicious explosion. And he was as right as law.

For, after stalking he blond giant for five rounds, with the action so dull that a near capacity crowd in this big Bronx ball park hooted and shouted at times, the Brown Bomber took the brakes off in the sixth, floored Nova for a nine-count with a terrific right hand shot, and then belted him into bloody submission before Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in and mercifully ended it.

The time was two minutes and 59 seconds of the sixth round, and marked the end for a time, and possibly for keeps, of Louis' great ring career.

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Uninteresting Louis

For five rounds this was the most uninteresting Louis the faithful ever have seen. He spent half a minute on occasions without throwing a punch.

Since the big cosmic punch and dynamic stance man challenging for the throne elected to fight a counter-punching kind of a duel, the action was about as heated as the weather. And it was so chilly that topcoats, sweaters, blankets and gloves were all over the ringside and still the folks shivered.

For five rounds, Louis just shuffled in and stalked his opponent. There was one brief moment in the fourth round when Joe had his fireworks popping and Nova's knees sagged. But that quieted down, and it was quite obvious Joe was intent on just one thing—throwing and landing the Sunday punch, the one big one that he was confident would lower Lou.

Finally, the occasion came. Midway of the sixth round, Nova made the mistake of lowering his long left just a trifle, and the greatest puncher the ring ever has seen wound up that high hard one and pitched. Nova went down as if he had been hit by a locomtive on the loose instead of a fist.

He lay there against the ropes, then pulled himself up at the count of nine, badly hurt. Joe charged in for the kill. He threw everything into every punch and chased the staggering Nova from rope to rope.

Donovan Steps In

A lightning left hook tore open Nova's right eye. Blood streamed down as he fell back against the ropes in a neutral corner. His hands lowered. Joe, on top of him, was about to let go a blow that might have done him real damage. Then Donovan stepped in and called a halt, a moment before the bell sounded to end the round.

Thus the Bomber, reverting to the one-punch-to-wreck-'em tactics he employed against rock-like Paulino Uzcudun back in 1935, turned back the challenge that was regarded as the greatest, the strongest and the most determined he ever has been called on to face in building up the longest string of successful title defenses in ring history.

Now he has fulfilled one ambition—to join the army with fistiana's most prized crown still on his head. He starts doing his fighting for Uncle Sam late next month, and Monday night may have been the last time he will put on the gloves in title competition.

Joe himself doesn't know if he ever will be in there again with the thousands roaring a tune to his dynamite delivery. Promoter Mike Jacobs and Joe's managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough, have the complete say about that, and they are not saying just now what's cooking in the future pot.

Physically there was little to choose between these two warriors Monday night. At 202¼, Louis was one-quarter of a pound lighter than the sturdy student of Yogi. Both were in the peak of condition. Both were ready, and even Nova admitted afterward it was just a case of "I forgot to duck."

Never Hit That Hard

"I've never been hit that hard before," the ex-California collegian said in his dressing room as his handlers doctored his cut. "You know, if Joe retires, I think I'll claim the title."

That was strictly one man's opinion, however, and many ringsiders were inclined to believe he would have a tough time overcoming Billy Conn, who all but took the title away from Joe last June.

For Lou had every chance in the early going. Louis was slow, he covered up time after time when Nova feinted in his direction, and so intent was he on bringing the California clouter down with one punch that at times he swung wild punches and left himself open.

Afterward, Joe insisted that "Lou ain't the fighter Billy Conn was."

"I saw the opening in the fifth round," Joe explained. "I threw a punch then, but it missed. I knew I'd get the opening again, so I just waited until it came. He never hurt me."

The Bomber admitted too, that the reason he was so slow to untrack in the early going, in addition to the cold, was that Nova fooled him by the way he elected to fight.

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Second Fight Against Conn Appears Next

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Heavy Champion Frowns on Plans To Retire From Boxing.

By SID FEDER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Joe Louis couldn't quite make up his mind today just where the right-hand shot he whistled off Lou Nova's whiskers fitted into the list of his hardest punches, but he and his fistic family were sure of one thing—the Bomber will not retire yet.

The entire Louis entourage said as much as it paraded into Mike Jacobs' office to pick up a $193,-274 pay check for the six-round job he did in stiffening Louie the Yogi at the Polo Grounds last night, thus boosting his ring earnings over the $2,000,000 mark.

To be absolutely accurate, today's amount is probably the highest price ever paid for one punch, for until Joe reared back and fired the great big one in there in the sixth round, neither he nor Nova did a thing to earn their pay.

After settling up with Uncle Mike, Joe said he was ready to trade in his green suit and rainbow tie for Uncle Sam's khaki and a private's 21 bucks a month. But all hands insisted flatly there's nothing to this talk that he's quitting for keeps. Instead, he'll probably come out for a tune-up bout early next spring, and then will tangle with Billy Conn in late May or June.

"Why should Joe hang them up?" asked Co-Manager Julian Black. "He looked good in there last night, didn't he? He knocked Nova out with one of the hardest punches anybody ever saw. So now, he'll go into the Army and won't fight any more for seven or eight months. But don't let anyone ever tell you he's all through."

The 56,549 cash customers who chipped into a gross gate of $583,-821 and the hundreds of ringside experts only half agreed with Black about last night's clambake. To this observer, Joe was a long way from the dark destroyer who has chopped up one guy after another with punching speed, power and boxing skill for half a dozen years. He was slow, his timing was pathetic as he missed swing after swing, and at times he looked baffled by the whole thing. But once he wound up and served up the Sunday punch, he was the same old hand-carver. Joe, himself, wasn't quite sure whether this punch, the one with which he flattened old Jim Braddock or the right that busted Paulino Uzcudun's face open was the hardest he's ever tossed.

Since Lou was busy with a doctor today, his manager, Ray Carlen, stopped in at Mike's office for the $71,765 the Californian received. Since Nova had to have his cut right eye attended by a physician anyway, he had the doctor remove the scar tissue from an old wound over the eye and take four stitches in the incision. Lou will stay in town a week, then head back to California for a rest before picking up his career.

Joe meantime, will take in the World Series this week, put on a horse show at Utica, Mich., after that, then make a brief exhibition boxing tour of Army camps in the Sixth Corps Area and finally enter the Army late next month.

Joe's earnings for last night's fight boosted his take for 1941 to $458,917.02 for seven fights, the biggest year he's had since he started his pro career in 1934. In his eight years of knocking guys over, he has earned $2,180,484.26.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Joe Louis

The cosmic punch, after all, turned up in the electric fist of Joe Louis, who, at the Polo Grounds on Monday night, won his nineteenth bout in defense of his heavyweight boxing title. The fist that floored Lou Nova is smaller than his by half an inch. But it has a crushing force back of it, an exquisite responsiveness to the trained and unafraid mind of a fighter. Of course, a titleholder often begins his battles with an edge coming from a myth of invincibility. Nova, in spite of his addiction to Yoga, certainly endowed him with it. Most of the time he was in the ring he appeared bemused by the formidable Negro who with feline watchfulness maneuvered him around in quest of an opening for the punch of the moment. Not in Nova was there any confidence in the alleged waning of Louis' powers. The fact is that, in spite of the poor match, the Negro stood reestablished as one of the great champions of all time. Nobody in the huge crowd at the Polo Grounds seemed to deny either his skill or his prowess. They had seen what amounted to only an exhibition, yet a view of the man who has set himself the mark of five more victories, in order to make an all-time record for title-defenses, seemed to satisfy them. This was the most satisfactory feature about the fight. Joe Louis is respected by his country no less than by his race. There is no sparkle about him, but he has conducted himself with an exemplary regard for the proprieties. Now he may be going to an Army camp for duty to the country in which he has won so much success.

Louis Set for Uncle Sam

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Joe Louis tries on a borrowed uniform and an amateurish salute, but the gear should be official between Nov. 20-24, when the heavy champ's due to be inducted. Joe passed the physical in A1 yesterday and there won't be any grinning when the Top Sarge gets Joe.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

'REQUESTS' ON JOE LOUIS TOTAL $7,759,000

By JOHN R. WILLIAMS
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DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 23—Champion Joe Louis receives a bushel of mail daily and has done so ever since he came into the sport's limelight. An analysis of the mail reveals one preeminently startling fact—quite a few people in America think the Champ has all the money in the world. Up to October 1 of this year Louis has received requests for loans and gifts of money that total the staggering sum of $7,759,000.50

Obviously these people are not just cranks, but in all probability are individuals who have been blinded by the news stories showing Joe's huge earnings after a fight. Let us assume that the champ could be a God-sent "Angel" to his less fortunate brothers and had received for himself the total of his ring [illegible]. That sum would equal about $2,000,000. Now if Joe had parcelled that out to the "needy" he still would be in the red to the tune of $5,759,000,-50.

It is a fair assumption that the Champion only receives a portion of his earnings. What with having to divvy with his managers, Uncle Sam in the form of income tax, Jim Braddock, deposed champion, and other hangers-on, it's a wonder the champion breaks even.

All of Joe's mail is not on the begging side although that is by far the major category. He also receives letters of praise and congratu[illegible], letters to make personal [illegible] various events and the usual number of crank missles. It is estimated that Louis' mail is the heaviest of any individual in Detroit.

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By JOHN KIERAN

Washington Conference

MAY 26 1941

THE boxing commissioners of the District of Columbia will gather in executive session this morning to hear Ancil Hoffman, manager of Buddy Baer, demand that they declare his Buddy the heavyweight champion of the world. The esteemed boxing commissioners are in for some fervid oratory. He's an eloquent chap, that Ancil. Not loud, but fluent.

It's probable that Ancil will be armed with photographs, time charts and affidavits of witnesses to the crime he alleges was committed, the same being the disputed blow landed by Joe Louis just at or long after—depending upon who tells the tale—the close of the sixth round in the big fight. This observer wasn't at the Washington ringside on Friday night and wouldn't know the facts in this particular case. But every one who goes to boxing bouts knows that blows landing after the bell are as common as dandelions on Spring lawns.

Come to think of it, this Louis gent once was caressed with a terrific blow after the bell had sounded. It was the bell that ended the fifth round of his first fight with Herr Max Schmeling. The extra punch—one for good measure—sent J. Shufflin' Louis staggering toward his corner on rubbery legs. He would have fallen if his handlers hadn't leaped out to catch him. But J. Shufflin' Louis was back out there in the sixth round just the same. He lasted until the twelfth.

In the Excitement

A bell that ends a round is like a red light coming on to stop traffic. An auto going twenty miles an hour can't stop stock-still at the flashing of a red light. A fighter whipping over a punch can't halt it in mid-air at the sudden sound of a bell.

But that doesn't mean that traffic cops will smile serenely as cars go through a red light. Nor does it mean that the referee is to shrug his shoulders and take no action if a fighter keeps pounding away beyond the legal time limit in the ring. The official guardians of the law must use some discretion in all such cases, in or out of the ring.

In fighting, for instance, there is frequently so much noise and tense excitement that the bell isn't heard and the determined battlers keep right on with their whacking. Or even when the bell is heard they may keep pounding away until the referee pries them apart. Ordinarily this is taken as a good sign that the battlers really have their hearts in what they are doing. But nobody pays much attention to it and nothing much comes of it.

Just for Fun

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Whether Ancil Hoffman will be there at the Washington conference this morning protesting "for keeps" or just for fun that his Buddy be declared champion is a mystery at the moment. Either way he can't lose. At the worst, he's getting additional advertising for his Buddy, even if the esteemed boxing commissioners of the District of Columbia turn down his fervid application. And if they grant his suit it will be just lovely for Ancil.

If by any chance the District of Columbia should declare Louis deposed and Buddy installed as champion on a foul, the situation would be entrancing. There would be two heavyweight champions. The District of Columbia is in N. B. A. territory and a couple of dozen States probably would accept the decision as legal and binding.

But the three military gents who rule boxing in the sovereign State of New York, General John J. Phelan, Colonel D. Walker Wear and ex-Private Bill Brown, would indignantly ignore any such decision with gusto. It was one of their men, Referee Arthur Donovan, who gave Louis the victory in Washington. They would naturally stick by one of their own referees. What Massachusetts, California and other "independent States" in a boxing way will do if Buddy Baer gets the official seal in Washington, D. C., remains to be seen.

Hoping for the Best

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It's too bad that the hearing is coming on so quickly. The situation at the moment has speculative possibilities that could be enlarged upon at a profit. A sudden quashing of the Ancil Hoffman claim would spoil some fun. Maybe the District of Columbia boxing authorities can be persuaded to postpone their decision and give interested parties an opportunity to discuss the chances of having two heavyweight champions at once and what would come of it.

Just imagine Uncle Mike Jacobs advertising a boxing show in which he would guarantee to produce two—count 'em, two—recognized heavyweight champions of the world. He has made a fair profit putting on bouts with just one heavyweight champion as a lure for gate receipts. With two such attractions in one ring, Uncle Mike would reap a harvest in gate receipts. The Federal tax collectors would be in on it. The income tax collector would be delighted to hear from Uncle Mike later about his success.

Still, maybe this is no time to be crowning an extra heavyweight champion in this country. The double attraction might lure money that citizens might otherwise invest in defense bonds or contribute to the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., the groups that are going to provide recreation and entertainment for the soldier boys in camps around the country.

Just Shadow-Boxing

Even if the N. B. A. had one heavyweight champion and New York and other "independent States" had another, the rivals might not meet in a double-barreled championship fray. N. B. A. champions in other divisions often give a wide berth to New York, Massachusetts and California champions in the same divisions. And vice versa. The two-champion custom apparently is profitable, with each champion patrolling his own beat.

An extra point in this speculative heavyweight case—and it must be hurried lest the case be quashed in a jiffy—is that Ancil Hoffman is not Uncle Mike Jacobs's best friend and severest critic, but merely his severest critic. Uncle Mike has J. Shufflin' Louis. In a promotorial way Joe is Mike's Man Friday, Saturday and every other day except Sunday. Joe doesn't fight on Sundays. So perhaps Ancil, if the Washington conference gave him a champion of his own, would keep him from mingling with Uncle Mike's champion until all other possibilties had been exhausted.

That doesn't exhaust all the speculative possibilities at the moment, but it's enough to think about while waiting for the great decision from the Washington conference today.

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By JOHN KIERAN

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The Man Who Won the Fight

DESPITE the varied and even contradictory accounts of what happened when J. Shufflin' Louis and Buddy of the Big Bad Baers collided in the District of Columbia the other night, it's the opinion in this corner that there's no doubt who won the fight. It was Uncle Mike Jacobs, away off.

Yes, siree! J. Shufflin' Louis lost a bit of prestige. Buddy Baer wound up sitting in his corner, rather the worse for wear. But Uncle Mike came out of it gloriously triumphant. After some years of earnest effort, he finally came up with a prize package in his hands. Regardless of what happens at the Washington conference tomorrow to hear the claims of voluble Ancil Hoffman, that his man, Buddy Baer, should be declared the heavyweight champion on a foul, the next J. Louis-B. Baer bout will pack some vast arena.

If the overjoyed Uncle Mike of the famous store teeth is at a loss for words to express his delight, he might be informed that the Greeks had a word for it: "Eureka!" But if he can't get his Broadway tongue or his store teeth around that, he can stand up and yell: "Bingo!" Everyone will understand. Uncle Mike hit it just right. Or Louis and Buddy Baer hit it for him, two ways from the jack. The way the fight was waged helped no little, but the way it ended was the clincher. Oil up the ticket-printing machine. There's big business ahead.

Time Marches On

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Abe Simon lasted until the thirteenth round with the Dark Destroyer. Tony Musto lingered until the ninth. Buddy Baer knocked Louis through the ropes in the first round and gave the Shuffler some hearty whacks as late as the fifth round. What does that add up to except that Time marches on? If Louis were hitting as hard as he did when he blasted down Madcap Max of the Baer family, Carnera Carnivorus Horribilis, Jack Sharkey, J. Braddock et al. in years of yore, would the Mustos, Simons and Buddy Baers have stood up under the punishment as long as they did?

Doubtful. Very doubtful. The Shuffler celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday a couple of weeks ago. That doesn't put him beyond the draft age. It doesn't make him eligible for an old-age pension. But it was the lightning speed of his punching that made him the Dark Destroyer of past years. After the lightning, the thunder. He thunders now. He's still heavy artillery. But

with added years the lightning flash has gone.

Maybe the Shuffler can beat all the contenders in sight. But they're catching up on him. Or he's coming back to them, which is another way of putting it. Either way, it livens up the heavyweight program. There wasn't much to it when it was taken for granted that any opponent was just a pop-over for J. Shufflin' Louis.

The Sudden Shift

Now the outlook has changed materially. Fight fans are coming to the belief that almost any big fellow who can punch a little has a chance with the champion. Maybe that's going too far, but it isn't going to hurt the gate receipts.

It was only four months ago that Buddy Baer took a thrashing from Eddie Blunt. Eddie is a good Blunt fellow, rough and tough, but just a run-of-the-mine heavyweight. What happened in the Baer-Blunt bout gave rise to no suspicion that, four months later, Buddy would be catapulting the great Joe Louis through the ropes in the first round of a heavyweight championship match. With the showing made against the champion by Abe Simon and later by Tony Musto, rooters for Billy Conn and Lou Nova were much encouraged. With the showing made by Buddy Baer, there is now a boom market on the challenging side. Buddy's stock, figuring on a return match, is sky-high. Conn's stock has jumped. Nova's stock is at a premium. The conservatives are holding it for the long pull.

Another point is put forward. Louis suffered a cut left eye in his bout with Buddy. Red Burman gave him a slight cut, too. Except for his first meeting with Schmeling, the one in which he was butchered, Louis used to go through fights without a mark. Now he is taking his cuts. He isn't hiting as fast as he did of old, nor is he dodging as quickly. At least, that's the conclusion in this corner.

Taking Observations

Forget about Louis for a moment. Just consider three men who now stand out as challengers and probable opponents, Buddy Baer, Billy the Conn Man and Lou Nova. If Buddy were scheduled to fight Conn, who would be the choice? Or if Buddy were to meet Nova. Or if Conn were to fight Nova?

Before Buddy put up that hair-raising and spine-tingling debate in the District of Columbia, probably Conn would have been the choice over the younger Baer on the supposition that Pittsburgh Billy would box him silly. Certainly Lou Nova, who gave Buddy's big brother two dreadful drubbings, would have been a heavy favorite over Buddy. But the prestige Buddy gained in his battle with the champion might make a decided change there in the general rating.

The Real Change

The odd point is that, if any great change has come about, it isn't Buddy Baer who has changed, or Conn or Nova. If the change is there, it must be in Joe Louis. There could be more to it than the difference between Joe Louis at 22 and Joe Louis at 27. The champion is comfortably fixed outside of the ring. He has made a lot of money. He has been fighting frequently, meeting all and sundry, Tom, Dick and Harry, for a half dozen years. It's a grind. He can't be as keen for it now as he was when he was a hungry young fighter blasting his way to fame and fortune.

What livens up the scene at this stage of the proceedings is that Louis, with such great destructive powers, always was vulnerable in his greatest days or nights. It was known—and shown—that a punch many mediocre heavyweights would shake off would put the Dark Destroyer on the floor or at least leave him sagging at the knees for some swirling seconds. That was what gave the handlers of some of his forlorn victims a ray of hope that lingered until Louis landed and the lights went out. If the Louis attack, terrific of old, is slowing down a trifle, the Louis vulnerability is more than ever an inviting target. Uncle Mike Jacobs can be relied upon to make the most of that in the literature that will now roll off his mimeograph machines.

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Challenger Will Have A Strong Backing In Heavy Scrap

By JACK MAHON
INS Sports Writer

NEW YORK, June 14.—A curly-haired, baby faced Irish boy named Billy Conn and a sullen, dead-pan Joe Louis will meet for the world's heavyweight title at the Polo Grounds next Wednesday night but tonight—almost four days before the battle—they've go the whole town talking; talking of two other fights that are well buried in the sometimes bloody, sometimes boring but always fascinating history of the ring. We've heard it from the big guys and from the little guys. Will Conn-Louis be Dempsey and Tunney or Louis and Schmeling all over again?

There seems to be no medium. Conn's rooters are sure Billy will box the ears off the champion, just as another built-up light heavyweight, Mr. Tunney upset the fearsome Jack Dempsey 15 years ago. Louis's legion of followers say that Joe, smouldering because of Conn's ceaseless verbal abuse, will make amends by butchering Billy the Kid within a few rounds; possibly in a single round.

All this pre-fight talk has Promoter Mike Jacobs beaming like a ticklish Cheshire cat. Mike. with a break in the weather may gross $400,000 with the show. Jacobs has tickets on sale at his own 20th Century Sporting Club and at numerous agencies. There has been a terrific demand in Pittsburgh and five special trains are coming in, loaded with Conn rooters, for the big battle of their hometown hero.

These Smoky City citizens are not just coming for the ride either. They will be well loaded with coin of the realm, and if they run true to form will depart with everything but Grand Central Terminal. They've backed Conn and Fritzie Zivic, another Pittsburgher, to the hilt in all their starts here and haven't lost a wager in almost two years.

Betting has been slow up until today but from here in the bookies expect plenty of hot and heavy wagering. The 49th Street price-makers who donate combs to every bald-headed citizen who passes their doors, have Louis a 12-5 favorite. Of course, if you wish to bet them and take Louis you must give them 14-5. They're funny that way.

They're betting 3-2 Louis wins by a kayo and it's even money Conn goes eight rounds. You can bet what's left of the old homestead, however, that these prices will sag by Wednesday. Here's why.

The "angle men," those geniuses who should have been geometry teachers, will be hard at work analyzing the fight and talk always shaves the betting odds. Have a few rumors with your buns and coffee: (1) Louis's eye tissue has been softened up by two cuts this season and will crack early; (2) Conn is "in" with the officials if the fight goes the limit; (3) It would be a better break for boxing, Mr. M. S. Jacobs, and all concerned if Conn won and insured a million dollar September gate.

We think the price will be 9-5 the night of the fight. We also think you can file the above rumors with your uncashed mutuel tickets. Unless we are very badly mistaken this one is strictly on the square and it's going to be Louis and Schmeling all over again.

For three weeks Conn has been popping off about how little he fears Joe. Wise cracks ordinarily annoy the champion about as much as the funny papers but Joe is really burned at Billy—and not because of any recent remarks. You see Conn once made some disparaging cracks about another little colored guy you might of heard of, Henry Armstrong. Henry was a fighter's fighter, and Louis hasn't forgotten. That's why we think Joe will tear across the ring with the blood lust in his eyes for the first time since that June night just three years ago when he paid off Max Schmeling in their return bout. Schmeling lasted just two minutes and four seconds that night and we believe Joe will be out to better par Wednesday evening.

Of course, Conn is much faster than der Max and certainly will not stand there and play straight man for the bomber. Billy's announced plan is to dance and jab Joe silly and try and beat him to the punch. The Pittsburgher has the weapons to do this until he gets tagged but is such a notoriously slow starter a vicious Louis might very well nail him early.

As soon as Conn gets tagged the fight will really start. Billy's well planned script can be thrown in the ash-can then, for the Irishman loves a fight and has no control over his temper when bloody and hurt. He is supremely confident he can outgame and outlast Louis and very sure he can confuse him by beating the bomber to the punch.

Billy will weigh about 177 or so, reports to the contrary being strictly from hunger, and Louis about 202, his usual weight. Conn is unconcerned about building up to 180, as predicted, because the few pounds mean nothing to a fighter whose attack is based on speed.

Both will conclude boxing Monday, Louis at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., and Conn at Pompton Lakes, N. J.

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Louis, Zale in Chicago Army Exhibitions

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(Special to the Sunday Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Two popular boxing champions, Joe Louis, king of the heavies, and Tony Zale, middleweight NBA title holder, will give a boxing exhibition in the huge riding hall of Fort Sheridan, tomorrow night, Oct. 13, at 8 o'clock. The boxing tour will include all the army camps in the Sixth Corps Area. Fort Sheridan is the fourth camp on the 7 camp schedule.

All military personnel in uniform will be admitted to the exhibitions free. In addition to the appearance of the champions, there will be a program of bouts in which the outstanding soldiers of Fort Sheridan will participate.

Heading the list of outstanding ring performers at Fort Sheridan is Corporal John Pivovar, heavyweight, who has amassed a long string of victories during his boxing career as a soldier. He has yet to be defeated in more than three years of competition.

Another topnotcher is Private Jimmy McGinnis, 127 pound swing artist, hailing from the state of Wisconsin where he held the state junior lightweight title previous to his enlistment in the army. These boys are attached to Batteries H and E, respectively, of the 61st ... pear on the card. Another RRC boy Coast Artillery. ...s 195 pound Harold Ergang. Heavy-

Two battlers from the 210th Coast ...weight John Barrett, Battery H, Artillery from the city of Detroit ...1st Coast Artillery puncher, will are Clem LaBuhn, 160 pounds of ...dd his comic antics to the pro-dynamite, and Joe Pasek, light- ...ram. heavy. Both of these men have ap- Barney Ross, feather ex-champ, peared in several tournaments will act as referee. throghout the country.

A real American, Swift John, 147-pound Oneida Indian, from the Recruit Reception Center, boasting of plenty ring experience, will also ap-

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They're betting 3-2 Louis wins by a kayo and it's even money Conn goes eight rounds. You can bet what's left of the old homestead, however, that these prices will sag by Wednesday. Here's why.

The "angle men," those geniuses who should have been geometry teachers, will be hard at work analyzing the fight and talk always shaves the betting odds. Have a few rumors with your buns and coffee: (1) Louis's eye tissue has been softened up by two cuts this season and will crack early; (2) Conn is "in" with the officials if the fight goes the limit; (3) It would be a better break for boxing, Mr. M. S. Jacobs, and all concerned if Conn won and insured a million dollar September gate.

We think the price will be 9-5 the night of the fight. We also think you can file the above rumors with your uncashed mutuel tickets. Unless we are very badly mistaken this one is strictly on the square and it's going to be Louis and Schmeling all over again.

For three weeks Conn has been popping off about how little he fears Joe. Wise cracks ordinarily annoy the champion about as much as the funny papers but Joe is really burned at Billy—and not because of any recent remarks. You see Conn once made some disparaging cracks about another little colored guy you might of heard of, Henry Armstrong. Henry was a fighter's fighter, and Louis hasn't forgotten. That's why we think Joe will tear across the ring with the blood lust in his eyes for the first time since that June night just three years ago when he paid off Max Schmeling in their return bout. Schmeling lasted just two minutes and four seconds that night and we believe Joe will be out to better par Wednesday evening.

Of course, Conn is much faster than der Max and certainly will not stand there and play straight man for the bomber. Billy's announced plan is to dance and jab Joe silly and try and beat him to the punch. The Pittsburgher has the weapons to do this until he gets tagged but is such a notoriously slow starter a vicious Louis might very well nail him early.

As soon as Conn gets tagged the fight will really start. Billy's well planned script can be thrown in the ash-can then, for the Irishman loves a fight and has no control over his temper when bloody and hurt. He is supremely confident he can outgame and outlast Louis and very sure he can confuse him by beating the bomber to the punch.

Billy will weigh about 177 or so, reports to the contrary being strictly from hunger, and Louis about 202, his usual weight. Conn is unconcerned about building up to 180, as predicted, because the few pounds mean nothing to a fighter whose attack is based on speed.

Both will conclude boxing Monday, Louis at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., and Conn at Pompton Lakes, N. J.

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with added years the lightning flash has gone.

Maybe the Shuffler can beat all the contenders in sight. But they're catching up on him. Or, he's coming back to them, which is another way of putting it. Either way, it livens up the heavyweight program. There wasn't much to it when it was taken for granted that any opponent was just a pop-over for J. Shufflin' Louis.

The Sudden Shift

Now the outlook has changed materially. Fight fans are coming to the belief that almost any big fellow who can punch a little has a chance with the champion. Maybe that's going too far, but it isn't going to hurt the gate receipts.

It was only four months ago that Buddy Baer took a thrashing from Eddie Blunt. Eddie is a good Blunt fellow, rough and tough, but just a run-of-the-mine heavyweight. What happened in the Baer-Blunt bout gave rise to no suspicion that, four months later, Buddy would be catapulting the great Joe Louis through the ropes in the first round of a heavyweight championship match. With the showing made against the champion by Abe Simon and later by Tony Musto, rooters for Billy Conn and Lou Nova were much encouraged. With the showing made by Buddy Baer, there is now a boom market on the challenging side. Buddy's stock, figuring on a return match, is sky-high. Conn's stock has jumped. Nova's stock is at a premium. The conservatives are holding it for the long pull.

Another point is put forward. Louis suffered a cut left eye in his bout with Buddy. Red Burman gave him a slight cut, too. Except for his first meeting with Schmeling, the one in which he was butchered, Louis used to go through fights without a mark. Now he is taking his cuts. He isn't hiting as fast as he did of old, nor is he dodging as quickly. At least, that's the conclusion in this corner.

Taking Observations

Forget about Louis for a moment. Just consider three men who now stand out as challengers and probable opponents, Buddy Baer, Billy the Conn Man and Lou Nova. If Buddy were scheduled to fight Conn, who would be the choice? Or if Buddy were to meet Nova. Or if Conn were to fight Nova?

Before Buddy put up that hair-raising and spine-tingling debate in the District of Columbia, probably Conn would have been the choice over the younger Baer on the supposition that Pittsburgh Billy would box him silly. Certainly Lou Nova, who gave Buddy's big brother two dreadful drubbings, would have been a heavy favorite over Buddy. But the prestige Buddy gained in his battle with the champion might make a decided change there in the general rating.

The Real Change

The odd point is that, if any great change has come about, it isn't Buddy Baer who has changed, or Conn or Nova. If the change is there, it must be in Joe Louis. There could be more to it than the difference between Joe Louis at 22 and Joe Louis at 27. The champion is comfortably fixed outside of the ring. He has made a lot of money. He has been fighting frequently, meeting all and sundry, Tom, Dick and Harry, for a half dozen years. It's a grind. He can't be as keen for it now as he was when he was a hungry young fighter blasting his way to fame and fortune.

What livens up the scene at this stage of the proceedings is that Louis, with such great destructive powers, always was vulnerable in his greatest days or nights. It was known—and shown—that a punch many mediocre heavyweights would shake off would put the Dark Destroyer on the floor or at least leave him sagging at the knees for some swirling seconds. That was what gave the handlers of some of his forlorn victims a ray of hope that lingered until Louis landed and the lights went out. If the Louis attack, terrific of old, is slowing down a trifle, the Louis vulnerability is more than ever an inviting target. Uncle Mike Jacobs can be relied upon to make the most of that in the literature that will now roll off his mimeograph machines.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Louis, Zale in Chicago Army Exhibitions

OCT 12 1941

(Special to the Sunday Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Two popular boxing champions, Joe Louis, king of the heavies, and Tony Zale, middleweight NBA title holder, will give a boxing exhibition in the huge riding hall of Fort Sheridan, tomorrow night, Oct. 13, at 8 o'clock. The boxing tour will include all the army camps in the Sixth Corps Area. Fort Sheridan is the fourth camp on the 7 camp schedule.

All military personnel in uniform will be admitted to the exhibitions free. In addition to the appearance of the champions, there will be a program of bouts in which the outstanding soldiers of Fort Sheridan will participate.

Heading the list of outstanding ring performers at Fort Sheridan is Corporal John Pivovar, heavyweight, who has amassed a long string of victories during his boxing career as a soldier. He has yet to be defeated in more than three years of competition.

Another topnotcher is Private Jimmy McGinnis, 127 pound swing artist, hailing from the state of Wisconsin where he held the state junior lightweight title previous to his enlistment in the army. These boys are attached to Batteries H and E, respectively, of the 61st Coast Artillery.

Two battlers from the 210th Coast Artillery from the city of Detroit are Clem LaBuhn, 160 pounds of dynamite, and Joe Pasek, light-heavy. Both of these men have appeared in several tournaments throughout the country.

A real American, Swift John, 147-pound Oneida Indian, from the Recruit Reception Center, boasting of plenty ring experience, will also appear on the card. Another RRC boy is 195 pound Harold Ergang. Heavyweight John Barrett, Battery H, 61st Coast Artillery puncher, will add his comic antics to the program.

Barney Ross, feather ex-champ, will act as referee.

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New York World-Telegram
New York, N.Y.

By Joe Williams

Nova Camp Counts on Louis Beating Himself

Putting one little word after another, and whatever became of the Cardinals? A consensus of 30 visiting sports celebs named Louis to win in the seventh and the Yankees in the sixth. You should be warned they happen to be form players, not guaranteed mystics.

We have taken a seat in the Louis band wagon for tonight's fight with Nova the Yoga, but we'd be something less than honest if we claimed we felt completely confortable and serene. He's passed his peak, but whether he's ready to be taken by the Californian—a fighter with no particular outstanding gifts—is something we simply can't be positive about, and we doubt if anybody else can.

Until we see the Bomber badly beaten and stretched out, we must continue to string along with him. Certainly there is no reason—no known reason why he shouldn't still be good enough to handle an opponent whose chief recommendation seems to be his strength, condition and fearlessness. Unlike Jeffries, he isn't a hollow shell, and unlike Dempsey he isn't ring rusty.

What puzzles and confuses us and makes us somewhat hesitant is the way the Bomber has been performing since last December, when he launched his Bum of the Month Club against the mediocre McCoy in Boston. We saw most of the fights in this series, and there were times when we were definitely sure the champion was on the skids. We felt that way the night Buddy Baer knocked him out of the ring in Washington, and this feeling was strengthened the night Billy Conn staggered him and had him beaten going into the thirteenth.

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Louis' Explanations Plausible.

Why in the heck, then, don't we come right out and pick Nova? Perhaps we simply refuse to believe what we see. That happened to us in the first Dempsey-Tunney fight. We saw Tommy Loughran box Dempsey's ears off a few days before the fight, this in a workout, yet so overawed were we by the old man mauler's lethal wallop we couldn't go against him. We may be making the same mistake this time, except the circumstances are vitally different; Dempsey had been out of the ring three years; Louis, on the other hand, has been the most active heavyweight champion the ring has ever known.

Besides, Louis' explanations at least seem plausible. He says he couldn't get himself worked up for the kind of opposition he was facing month after month. This could be so. The best hitters in baseball usually hit their best against the best pitchers. Fellows like Hagen and Sarazen and Jones were always toughest when the stakes were highest. And there have been race horses which wouldn't work a lick in the morning, but would run away and hide in the big stakes. This is the competitive spirit which brings the best out in the champions. If you could be sure that the Bomber isn't kidding himself, perhaps unconsciously, and that he could have been his old destructive self against the mediocrities if the incentive had been there, you wouldn't have to search far for the answer in tonight's battle at the Polo Grounds.

We happen to know that the Nova camp is counting on Louis to beat himself; that is, to run out of gas. This is more of a criticism of the Bomber's present physical and mental state than a boost for Nova's fighting equipment. It is another way of admitting that Nova isn't good enough to whip a good Louis, but is good enough to whip a fading Louis. This attitude suggests the Nova camp is not exactly bubbling over with confidence; on the contrary, the camp is pinning a large part of its faith in intangibles, things about which nobody can be sure until the actual firing starts. If the Nova camp has guessed right, there'll be a new champion, if not, the Bomber will fulfill his ambition to join Uncle Sam's Army, "the winner and still champion, as them announcers always say."

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Of Course the Cynics Are Busy.

So much for that. Bring the big guys on and let their hips fall where they may. The fight will do all right at the ticket kiosks, perhaps $550,000 net, but Promoter Mike Jacobs isn't so sure it was wise to book it so close to the world series . . . "especially with Brooklyn in there. I lost a lot of ballyhoo stuff, and I lost about 20 per cent in sales." Still, Mr. Jacobs is not looking for a tall building from which to jump. On the contrary, he is probably congratulating himself that he has the fight at all. Louis didn't want it until next summer—a fact which comforts and intrigues the Nova camp. It took four trips to Chicago to sell the Bomber and in the meantime the army put the finger on him for almost immediate enrollment, thereby plunging his pugilistic future in doubt. Win, lose or draw, it can't be said for certain when the Bomber will fight again, if ever.

We are pained to report this situation has some of the cynics going around the better bistros in the Roaring Forties wearing a mask of owlish wisdom. They buttonhole you, maneuver you into a quiet corner, take the zipper off the sides of their mouths and proceed to give you the outlines of a sinister plot. Louis is going into the army. His championship won't do him any good there, nor will it do the game any good here. What is more desirable or logical, then, than to have Nova win? He's married, has a family, isn't wealthy and, at the worst, isn't likely to attract Mr. Whiskers' attention for some time to come. "Get it?" the cynics demand, practically horrifying you by their lack of reverence for the finer things in the racket. "Nova wins and everything's lovely. Get it?"

In any other situation we might be disposed to lend a mildly attentive ear to the impious cynics; but if Nova wins he will win on his merits. He certainly won't get any help from the Bomber, whose position as a clean and honorable fighter has never been questioned. Nor is Mr. Jacobs the type of promoter who would ever countenance sharp practices. It is something more than a mere coincidence that Mr. Jacobs' promotions, wherever held, are invariably acclaimed for their authenticity. In addition, it is a libel on Nova's character and ambition to suggest that the only way he can win is to have help from evil forces. The cynics are always cooking up yarns like this. Back in the bootleg days, when gangsters managed fighters, they were frequently right. But when repeal came along a lot of shadowy figures were repealed along with the noble experiment. Not a little of the credit is due to Mr. Jacobs, the old ticket scalper, and the colored youth from the Alabama cane brakes. They started out with a pretty good, albeit pretty old-fashioned, theory, namely, that honesty is the best policy.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

OCT 14 1941

Joe Louis Faces Service Induction Late in November

By International News Service

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will probably be drafted late next month—if he can pass a physical examination.

Louis tonight was under orders to report to his Chicago draft board tomorrow, and will be given the physical examination at that time.

Originally, Louis was granted deferment on grounds of dependency, but he has now been reclassified, into 1-A and only discovery of a physical defect could cause another deferment.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

55,000 WATCH TITLE FIGHT IN POLO GROUNDS

SEP 30 1941

Battle Refereed by Arthur Donovan.

BY ARCH WARD.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

New York, Sept. 29.—Joe Louis tonight scored a technical knockout over Lou Nova of California in the Polo Grounds. It was the 19th successful defense of the world heavyweight boxing title he won in Chicago four years ago from Jim Braddock. It may have been Louis' last fight as he plans to enter the army shortly.

The time was 2:59 of the sixth round.

Louis weighed 202¼ pounds and Nova 202½.

The referee was Arthur Donovan and the judges were Charles Draycott and Bill Healey.

The crowd was estimated at 55,500 by Promoter Mike Jacobs.

FIRST ROUND.

They sparred around the ring without landing a blow. For almost a minute there was no action until Nova was short with a right. Nova jabbed two lefts to the face. Again sparring for an opening, Nova missed with a right to the head. Louis connected with a left hook to the jaw and they traded left jabs. Both were cautious. A flurry of blows by Louis landed high on Nova's head. Nova landed a chopping right to the head. Nova landed a light right over Louis jab. Louis moved in, but was jabbed to the head with two lefts. Nova missed with a right and Louis missed with a left hook. Louis pawed twice to the face at the bell.

SECOND ROUND.

Once more they sparred cautiously. Nova jabbed a left to Louis' head but missed with a countering right. Nova landed a light left hook to the face. Louis continued to stalk Nova, but both were reluctant to lead. Louis landed a left and right to the face but Nova came back with a series of blows to the head. Louis pushed aside Nova's jab and hooked to the head. They traded jabs. Louis was too high with a right and his left hook followup was short. Louis landed a left hook to the face and weaved under Nova's countering punches.

THIRD ROUND.

Once more the stalking routine was followed without a blow landing. They traded lefts and Louis landed a hard right to the jaw. Another right missed and Nova scored with a right to Louis' head. They were the first hard blows of the fight. Louis stuck out two light left jabs. Both were short with jabs. Louis jabbed, but took a hook to the head. Nova sent in two lefts to the body and again they sparred for openings. Louis landed a left to the body and Nova countered with a right to the head at the bell.

FOURTH FOUND.

Louis pawed twice with a left but was short. Louis landed a light left hook to the head. Nova sent a long left to the body. Nova landed a short uppercut to the jaw but it had little power. Nova jabbed and then sent two lefts to the body. Louis rushed in with a right to the jaw. A left and two rights staggered Nova. A right and several lefts to the head hurt the challenger. A left sent Nova's head back. Nova came back with two light rights to the head and Louis countered with a left hook to the head at the bell.

FIFTH ROUND.

Louis sent a right to the body and a hard left hook to the nose. They traded several left jabs. Louis jabbed twice to the head and each missed with hard rights. Louis stuck a left in Nova's face and Nova landed a right to the jaw. Joe backed Nova away with a left jab. Nova jabbed to the head but took the same kind of a blow. They traded heard rights to the head. Nova scored with a left hook to the head. Both missed with knockout rights along the ropes. Nova's nose was bleeding when the round ended.

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SIXTH ROUND.

Nova feinted but Louis refused to lead. After one minute of the round there still hadn't been a solid punch. Nova jobbed twice to the face then landed a hard right to Louis jaw. He followed with another right to the same spot. Louis blocked a right cross and jabbed Nova with a straight left. A right sent Nova down on his back for a nine count. A series of blows to the head and body staggered Nova. A further series of blows hurt Nova bad. His right eye was cut as Referee Donovan ran in but the fight was over. Louis wins by a technical knockout. The bell rang just as Donovan stopped the fight.

In the eight round semi windup, Lenny Mancini, Brooklyn lightweight, beat Terry Young of New York's east side.

Some kind of an omen came out of the first bout when Nova's sparring partner, Johnny Aichers, 191½, Cliffside, N. J., and Tommy Madden, 214½, Brooklyn, mauled each other for four rounds to a draw.

By this time hundreds of ringsiders, who came prepared with warmth, either internally or externally, were shivering in their seats and offering fancy prices for the lend or lease of a topcoat or sweater.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

On The Score Board

By Lester Rodney

There was a special feeling about Joe Louis' dressing room after this fight. Which may have accounted for the unusual crush of writers trying to squeeze through to talk to the champ just as soon as he had arrived.

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It hadn't been much of a contest. Louis had been clearly too good right from the opening bell. He had outboxed his opponent thoroughly, outthought and outmaneuvered him, and, when the time was ripe, wrapped him up and delivered him. It could have seemed like a pretty routine story—a rugged, game and pretty good challenger being knocked out by a master craftsman, an athlete who did everything better, a champ.

Yet it wasn't. Most of the 60,000 fans who saw the fight that must have looked dull from far away until right near the finish were still in their seats just to watch Joe make his way from the Polo Grounds ring through the outfield and up the little clubhouse stairs next to the bleachers and to cheer him. And the writers were scrambling to get to him.

This may have been the last fight for Joe Louis. And against the background of that dramatic thought Joe had blasted away foreevr all reservations about his greatness, all the semi-wishful nonsense about his having "slipped so badly that the first good fighter to come along would beat him." Some sports writers who had been pecking away at Louis for years suddenly seemed to get perspective this night. **"Is this the guy I said was slipping?"** one said to another. **"Did you ever see a punch like that?"**

Few had.

Up till that moment in the sixth round when the controlled lightning struck there had been little heavy action. Joe and Nova were moving carefully and warily. The big, granite-jawed challenger occasionally lunged with a hard right but couldn't connect. Louis was boxing beautifully, rolling under Nova's shots, picking off his lefts with a flick of the right glove and, except for the second round, outpointing his foe. He was fighting a cautious fight against an opponent he knew could always be reached at a certain risk, but who carried heavy armament [illegible] himself. He was waiting for the right time. Nova couldn't do much at all. Lou was discovering the difference between a Max Baer and a Joe Louis.

It looked for a moment as though the knockout might come in the fourth. Nova dug a left to the body and Louis countered fast and hard with a right that rocked the Californian and then followed with a hard left hook and three more punches as Nova moved back fast and uncertainly. The crowd came up into the chill air with "There he goes," but Nova managed to get out of trouble and was punching back at the end of the round, displaying the same ability to take it and the same recuperative powers he has shown before and on which his hopes for winning the title were largely based.

The fifth was back in the early pattern of sparring around, with Louis having the edge and Nova unable to get an opening. Back in the dim distant reaches of the stands it might have looked dull, but from the ringside the brilliance of Louis' tactics and the gripping feeling of his impeding move were apparent.

Nova hit Louis a fairly good right early in the sixth and was moving a little more cockily. They were standing near one of the neutral corners when the opening came. It was too fast for the photographers, who banged their cameras only when Nova was on the floor. Joe feinted briefly with his left and then drove through with a straight right that hit the side of Nova's jaw with the sound of a golf ball being wacked off the tee. He later said he thought it was the most perfect punch he had ever landed, including the one that shattered Paulino and the one that left lion-hearted Jim Braddock senseless. Nova lay for five seconds with eyes glazed and muscles not even twitching, his head out through the lower strand of rope. You can describe a punch many ways, but the word that comes to mind when you think of Nova catching this one is "poleaxed." As the magnificently conditioned challenger somehow managed to wabble to his feet at nine Louis looked at him for just a second with respectful wonder and then moved in fast and hard to end it. A left and right broke through the instinctively high held gloves of Nova and spun Lou back across the ring. A flashing left hook through a minute opening ripped the flesh above Nova's eye and the blood spurted. Another whistling right followed and, as Nova lay completely out and helpless against the ropes, referee oncvan jumped over to throw his arm around the beaten man's shoulder as a sign that the fight was over. The bell for the end of the round sounded one second later, but made no possible difference. Nova was still on rubber legs in wonderland minutes later and the commission doctor wouldn't have let him come out for the seventh in any case.

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"I'm taking my title into the ar my with me," Louis told the circle of reporters in answer to the quick questions about what his plans were. "It doesn't look as though I'll be fighting again for some time though, but I'd like to get some real fighting in the army. There's some to be done." And, after a contemplative pause, he smiled slightly and said:

"Maybe my next fight will be against Max Schmeling somewhere inno-man's land, and I won't be pulling punches."

"Nova? He sure could take a punch, couldn't he? Good and game. But not as much trouble as Conn. I knew I had him by the way he stood up. Conn moved around and fast."

"That's just what you said, Joe, isn't it, that Nova would be easier than Conn." Joe didn't answer. That what he **had** said.

A trip to Nova's dressing room found the erstwhile challenger having the deep gash over his eye attended to. His face was badly swollen.

"Well, you tried, Lou."

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Simon Earns Second Shot at Louis' Title

Great Stand Against Brown Bomber in Detroit Fight Gets Challenger Bout in New York

By the Associated Press

Detroit, March 22.—Ever since he first walked down the fistic pike, Joe Louis' "peskiest" rival has been a little man in a derby who would have trouble even getting up to the lightweight limit, and who can only talk a good fight.

MAR 23 1941

Up to now, of course, Jimmy Johnston hasn't come out from under his iron hat to swap punches with the heavyweight champion. But the little man has done something to a couple of fellows to change them from just ordinary fighters into rip-snorting terrors when they spot Joe.

These two—Bob Pastor earlier and huge Abe Simon last night—have lasted a total of 34 rounds with the Bomber in three fights. Last night Simon gave Joe enough headaches before being stopped in 13 rounds to cause Promoter Mike Jacobs to make a rematch for May 16 in New York.

MAR 23 1941

Suggests a Saliva Test

So amazing was the showing of Simon, who didn't figure to go more than three rounds in anybody's book, that one wag suggested Johnston's fighters be given a saliva test in the future after each trip out against Louis to determine the little man's treatment.

Abe had nothing except a big chest full of heart and a left hand that did La Conga on Joe's face most of the evening. Although floored four times, for 12 full rounds he weathered the Bomber's choicest collection of clouts and was only about two rounds away from being even on points when Referee Sam Henessey stopped the show.

Joe himself looked tired in the tenth round and probably felt the $19,400 he received for the fifteenth defense of his championship wasn't worth what he had to go through for it. Abe's pay check was for $8,371.10—17½ per cent of the net gate of $47,300.

MAR 23 1941

Johnston Has Solution

Off Pastor's performances twice against Louis, and Simon's ability to send his 254½ pounds dancing around Joe for 13 heats, it was interesting to discover that Johnston really believes he knows how to whip the Bomber.

Jimmy tips you off that for weeks after Max Schmeling flattened Joe in their first fight, he (Jimmy) studied the motion pictures of that brawl. He came up with the observation that a boxer with a good left hand and a fair right can beat Louis by circling to Joe's right continually, thereby depriving the Bomber of room for that "Sunday punch."

MAR 23 1941

The only reason Simon couldn't do it last night, it appears, were that he had a right hand which was strictly traveling under false pretenses, and that after successfully circling to Joe's right for 12 rounds, he ran out of gas in the thirteenth.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

19,000 See Bomber Fight In Home Town

MAR 22 1941

Bout Lures $60,000 Gate; Challenger Floored in First Round of Battle

By the Associated Press

Detroit, March 21.—Joe Louis successfully defended his world heavyweight championship for the fifteenth time tonight by stopping Abe Simon, of New York in 13 rounds before an etsimated crowd of 19,000. It was a TKO.

Louis weighed 202; Simon, 254½.

The gate was reported to be $60,000.

MAR 22 1941

Fight by Rounds

ROUND ONE—Louis hooked a left to the ear. Louis jabbed another to the cheek and Simon was short with tw ojabs. Abe bounced a hook off Louis' eye. Louis floored Simon with a whistling right, but Abe was up with no count. Abe jabbed Joe twice on the eye. Louis dashed in with a left to the body. They mauled each other in close. Joe bounced a left and right off Abe's chin and Abe was staggered.

In a half clinch Joe crossed to the head and took a left to the body from the giant. Louis smashed right and left to the head. They stood in midring a few moments swinging wildly. Abe backed Louis into the ropes at the bell and the crowd roared.

Louis' round.

ROUND TWO—Simon dug three lefts into the body as he backed Joe into a neutral corner. Joe ripped a left to the midsection. Abe's left jab snapped Joe's head back. Simon threw left and right to the body.

Simon clicked twice with a left jab. Joe raised a red mark on Abe's eye. They traded straight lefts to the head. Abe jabbed three times to the fact without a return. Louis smashed two solid rights to Abe's jaw. Again they squared off and exchanged long lefts. Louis hooked a hard left to the head at the bell.

Simon's round.

ROUND THREE—Between rounds it was noted Simon had a slight cut over the left eye. Louis was doing a better job of picking off Abe's left in this round. They traded jabs with little action. Joe bounced right and left off Abe's face. A right hand floored Abe near a neutral corner and he took a nine count.

Joe dushed in, throwing both hands to the head. Simon stuck his left into his face and held momentarily. Louis smashed Abe with two solid rights to the chin and followed with two more to the chin and the giant took it standing up at the bell.

Louis' Round.

ROUND FOUR—Louis hooked a left hook to the nose and took a jab high on the head in return. Joe stuck his left three times in Abe's face. Simon jabbed twice to the face. Louis landed a sizzling hook on the ear and then dug his left into Abe's ample body. Louis was stalking Abe in this round trying for the kill. They traded straight lefts in midring.

Abe hooked Joe's nose and made Joe blink. They fired lefts at the body. In a half clinch, Louis hooked two jabs at Joe's nose. Joe's right connected with Abe's ear. Joe bounced a right off Abe's chin at the ball.

Louis' round.

ROUND FIVE—Again they spent several seconds trading jabs. Joe fired two rights and a left to the head. Louis whistled a right off Abe's ear. In a half clinch Joe landed left and right to the face. Louis bounced another right off the jaw and Abe went into a clinch. Louis fired a swinging left and right and then caught Abe on the nose with a hard straight left.

Abe threw a left to the ear. Joe fired two hard lefts to the head, but Simon hooked right back at him. Louis smashed Abe full on the mouth with a right. Abe flicked three times with his left at the bell.

Louis' round. MAR 22 1941

ROUND SIX—Abe stuck that same straight left into Joe's face twice. For half a minute the only action was three of Abe's jabs that grazed Joe's nose. Louis hooked a hard left to the jaw. Joe fired a smashing left to the body and a right to the head. In a half clinch Joe bounced left and right off Abe's ears.

Joe half slipped in Abe's corner as Simon dug a right into the body. Joe banged a right high on the head. Abe flicked half dozen times with his left but took a hard left to the jaw in return. Abe banged Joe with a swinging right. Simon stabbed three times with his left at the bell.

Simon's round.

ROUND SEVEN—Things were quiet for a half minute, then Joe leaped in with a left hook that staggered Abe. A left and right and another left had Abe hanging on. A hard left hook pushed Abe through the ropes, but Abe came back and they slugged in the center of the ring. Joe chased him across the ring and landed at will with both hands, but Abe stood up although badly hurt. Joe shook Abe with two terrific rights. A left hand caught Abe on the face and he fell into a clinch. Another right cut Abe's left eye, but still he walked in, jabbing with his left. They exchanged left hooks near Joe's corner at the ball and again the crowd yelled.

Louis' round.

ROUND EIGHT—Abe flicked three times with his left jab and Joe appeared to have a "mouse" under his left eye. Abe hooked with his left to the chest. Joe was wasting no punches and only threw a blow when he had an open shot. Louis bounced a right off the ear. Abe stuck his left into Joe's body. Joe connected with a left hook and then a solid right. Abe jabbed twice to the nose and then threw two lefts to the head. They traded hard straight lefts and Joe didn't like it. Abe backed off and poked four times more with his left at the bell.

Simon's round.

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Up to now, of course, Jimmy Johnston hasn't come out from under his iron hat to swap punches with the heavyweight champion. But the little man has done something to a couple of fellows to change them from just ordinary fighters into rip-snorting terrors when they spot Joe.

These two—Bob Pastor earlier and huge Abe Simon last night—have lasted a total of 34 rounds with the Bomber in three fights. Last night Simon gave Joe enough headaches before being stopped in 13 rounds to cause Promoter Mike Jacobs to make a rematch for May 16 in New York.

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Suggests a Saliva Test

So amazing was the showing of Simon, who didn't figure to go more than three rounds in anybody's book, that one wag suggested Johnston's fighters be given a saliva test in the future after each trip out against Louis to determine the little man's treatment.

Abe had nothing except a big chest full of heart and a left hand that did La Conga on Joe's face most of the evening. Although floored four times, for 12 full rounds he weathered the Bomber's choicest collection of clouts and was only about two rounds away from being even on points when Referee Sam Hennessey stopped the show.

Joe himself looked tired in the tenth round and probably felt the $19,400 he received for the fifteenth defense of his championship wasn't worth what he had to go through for it. Abe's pay check was for $8,371.10—17½ per cent of the net gate of $47,300.

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Johnston Has Solution

Off Pastor's performances twice against Louis, and Simon's ability to send his 254½ pounds dancing around Joe for 13 heats, it was interesting to discover that Johnston really believes he knows how to whip the Bomber.

Jimmy tips you off that for weeks after Max Schmeling flattened Joe in their first fight, he (Jimmy) studied the motion pictures of that brawl. He came up with the observation that a boxer with a good left hand and a fair right can beat Louis by circling to Joe's right continually, thereby depriving the Bomber of [illegible] for that Sunday punch."

The only reason Simon couldn't do it last night, it appears, were that he had a right hand which was strictly traveling under false pretenses, and that after successfully circling to Joe's right for 12 rounds, he ran out of gas in the thirteenth.

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Fight by Rounds

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Louis' round.

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Simon clicked twice with a left jab. Joe raised a red mark on Abe's eye. They traded straight lefts to the head. Abe jabbed three times to the fact without a return. Louis smashed two solid rights to Abe's jaw. Again they squared off and exchanged long lefts. Louis hooked a hard left to the head at the bell.

Simon's round.

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Simon's round.

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"Never mind, Abe," Lou consoled. "Your mother and dad are proud of you."

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The 254-pound Simon broke down but regained his composure quickly.

"Louis didn't hurt me at all at any time," the big battler kept boasting.

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"Why I even signalled with my thumbs when I was knocked down the last time to advise my handlers I was all right. I wasn't hurt, but I may have looked it. I don't know why he (the referee) stopped it. I am quite sure I hurt Louis a couple of times. I made him stop punching twice, and a fighter doesn't stop punching unless he is hurt."

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"Hey, listen," he began, "you didn't do what you were told to do and you got licked. It's a shame, but you're a helluva fighter anyway."

Three stitches were required to close an inch and a half cut in Simon's eyelid.

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Louis promised Thursday to knock out Simon with the first punch if possible. He is determined to convince hometown admirers that he's capable of finishing an opponent with a quick, spectacular knockout. In previous Detroit engagements, Natie Brown and Patsy Perroni each stuck 10 rounds with the champion, while he required 11 rounds to stop Bob Pastor after flooring him four times in the first round.

"If I can flatten him with the first punch, I'se be a happy man," Louis confided. "Anyhow, I'll be trying to stop him every time I throws a punch, but I don't know how many of them it will take. Abe is a tough, big man. He's never been knocked down. I hope I get lucky quick Friday night."

The champion's handlers have no fear over his ability to triumph, but differ over the question of how many rounds will be required. Trainer Jack Blackburn feels that Louis can't miss in three rounds. Co-Managers John Roxborough and Julian Black said the finish depends on how much punishment Simon can absorb.

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Said the highly experienced Blackburn: "Big Abe, with his 250 pounds, sure is going to give Louis plenty of target to aim at. The way Joe is hitting, sharp and fast, I'll be surprised if the bout goes three rounds. It may end a lot earlier than that."

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Promoter Mike Jacobs is clicking his store teeth over the prospect of a $50,000 gate. On that basis Simon will pocket about $6,000, a lump he never before received.

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Generally speaking, prize fighters have been of little use to anybody but themselves and their promoters. They have made money to blow it to the wind and wound up in poverty or so near the starvation line that their plight has been pitiful.

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Fortunately Joe has been managed by men who were interested not only in making money but also making the champion worthy of the respect his title commanded. Evidentally Joe took their advice with the result that he has been a fine gentleman as well as a good sport.

We are not sufficiently acquainted with the project to dwell on it fully. However, the fact that the work is to be done through that splendid organization makes one feel confident that the job will be done.

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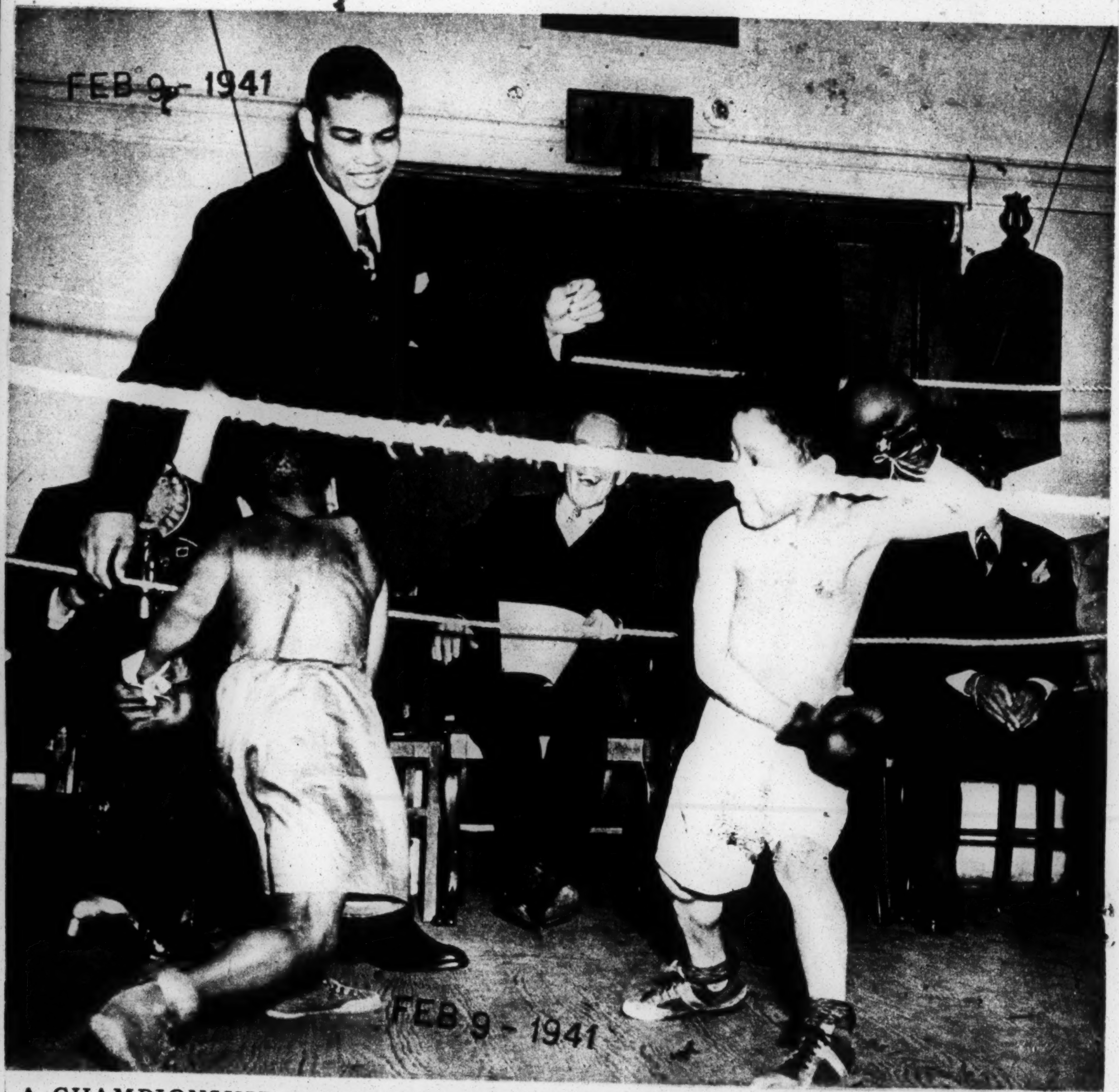

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Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

MIDDLEWEIGHT BRAWL CARDED FRIDAY NIGHT

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FEB 16 1941

By Frank Mastro
(Special to The Times-Picayune)

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JOE LOUIS

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He revealed this much of his plans today for his Madison Square Garden battle with Louis. Even the Dempsey-Schmeling ingredients couldn't change the minds of all but Red's very best friends that no matter what the potion, it can only mean a bad headache for the Baltimore fighter.

Red's trainers, Eddie Ross and Hymie Blaustein, pointed out that he half crouches and weaves in a manner reminiscent of Dempsey. Red picked up some of this style as proége of Dempsey in the last few years.

Plans on Right Hand.

With that much in his repertoire, his handlers explained, Red figured it would be a good idea to toss in a little of what Schmeling meant when he said "I zee zomezing" shortly before Max's first fling at the bomber in 1936. What Schmeling "zeed" that time was that Joe dropped his left shoulder after delivering a jab, and was wide open for a right. However, that was Schmeling's very fine right hand, and this is Burman.

"Sure, I'm training with that in view," Red said at his Summit, N. J., training camp today. "After all, there must be some way to beat Louis, and if I haven't found the way, suppose you tell me something better than the Dempsey-Schmeling technique.

Betting Boys Differ.

"Jack was a pretty fair left hooker, wasn't he? And Schmeling had a right that wasn't a love pot, didn't he? And no one has worked on Joe's body yet, so why can't I try it? I'm convinced I'm going to be heavyweight champion of the world by midnight Friday.

Red's point of view wasn't quite shared by the betting commissioners in the West 49th street oddsmaking salons. If you thought Red would be around to hear the bell for the eighth, you could get three dollars for every one you put up. As for the ultimate result of the fight—well, no one was even talking about that.

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Agreement Provides for Defeat

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Few expect that Burman will dislodge Louis. Rather, the opinion is general that Louis will add another victim to his already imposing list, and without too much difficulty. Yet the fact remains that Louis places his title in jeopardy the minute he clambers through the ropes.

Burman should give Louis trouble if he adheres to the plan mapped out for him by his manager, Max Waxman, and Dempsey. They have been drilling the Baltimorean in the intricacies of a fighting crouch as a means of perplexing Louis and protecting Burman from the paralyzing blows of the titleholder.

Galento Crouch Effective

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Burman's forte is body punching and, in realization of this, Louis has been concentrating on perfecting a defense against this attack in his training quarters at Greenwood Lake, N. J.

Matchmaker Nat Rogers has arranged two six-round bouts and three four-round events as preliminaries. In the six-round bouts Norman Rubio will tackle Aaron Smith and Ray Robinson will engage George Zengaras.

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Fernandez Seeks 10 Straight

Victorious in nine straight ring engagements since coming to this country, Antonio Fernandez, South American middleweight, will seek his tenth victory tomorrow night at the St. Nicholas Palace, where he is to face Milo Theodorescu, Rumanian boxer-violinist, in the principal bout of eight rounds. Joe Basora, Puerto Rican middleweight, and Vince Fratello of New Jersey are scheduled for another eight-round struggle.

A lightweight battle of eight rounds between Bobby Ruffin, Long Island, and Joey Fontana of Harlem is scheduled as the main bout Tuesday night at the Bronx Coliseum. In three other eight-round events the principals will be Danny Bartfield vs. Mickey LaMarr, Maxie Shapiro vs. Joe Torres and Eddie Dunne vs. Caesar Ferro.

Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia lighweight, is reported in excellent condition for his eight-round battle against Julie Kogon, New Haven, Tuesday night in the Broadway Arena, Brooklyn. Montgomery scored a knockdown against Lew Jenkins, lightweight champion, in a non-title match. Irving Eldridge, East Side, was originally scheduled to fight Montgomery, but reported yesterday that he had suffered a fractured knuckle.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

BURMAN BUILDUP IS MOVING AHEAD AT FULL SPEED

Louis Can Chuckle as He Reads What's Coming.

JAN 30 1941

New York, Jan. 29 [Special].—If Joe Louis has a sense of humor, he will have cause to emit a few chuckles betwee ntonight and Friday evening when he makes the 13th defense of his heavyweight championship. Opponent No. 13 is Clarence [Red] Burman of Baltimore, Md., and the place is Madison Square garden. The scheduled route is 15 rounds.

The 48 hours preceding Louis' championship adventures always follow the same pattern—a last minute buildup of his opponent. This one coming up is no different. Jack Dempsey, the old heavyweight champion, who is always ready to help in a good cause, today took the platform for Burman, with whom he has been remotely associated for several years.

Recalls a Few Knockdowns.

Dempsey's theme centered around his contention that Louis can't absorb punishment to the head. He pointed out that Max Schmelling knocked out Joe by centering his fire to the head, that Jim Braddock and Jorge Brescia floored him, and that Tony Galento staggered the champion with blows to the face.

"Furthermore," said Jack, "an unusual boxing style confuses Louis. Remember how Arturo Godoy befluddled him the first time they met? Burman has a weaving style and can punch out of a crouch. And he's game. I think he has more than an even chance."

Odds are 10 to 1 on Joe.

The former champion's stirring speech in Burman's behalf, however, failed to disturb the betting gentry. They were still offering, after Dempsey finished, to put up $10 to $1 that Burman will go the way of all others who have tried to lift Louis' crown.

Louis finished drills at Greenwood Lake, N. J., today and weighted 203 pounds. He will break camp tomorrow and motor into New oYrk. Burman scaled 193¼ pounds after taking road work.

Dempsey apparently did not give Burman and advance of his ballyho speech, as Red announced he was prepared to launch a two-fisted body attack on the champion.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Dempsey Protege Is Aggressive

Deadly Right To Midriff Ends Terrific Melee

FEB 1 1941

(EXCLUSIVE TO SNS)

NEW YORK — (SPECIAL) —The "No. 13 jinx" meant nothing to Joe Louis, the sensational Detroit Brown Bomber, here Friday night as he made short work of Clarence (Red) Burman, the two-headed Baltimore challenger, and deposited the one-time Jack Dempsey protege on the canvas in two minutes, and forty-six seconds of a fast and furious fifth round. The Bomber won every round, but the third.

Louis, after a dozen successful defenses in the past three years,

thrilled a near-capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden as he made his thirteenth title defense in a halo of glory.

NEARLY 15 POUND ADVANTAGE

Scaling 202 1-2 and carrying a 14 1-2 pound advantage in the ring over Burman, who tipped the beams at 188, the Tan Embalmer drilled an early volley of left hooks to the jaw and right crosses to the chin to "dress up" the courageous Irish-American boy for the "kill."

Spirited action marked the opening around, Burman gamely carrying the fight to Louis. The champion, one of the greatest counter-punchers of all time, responded savagely and soon had Burman's left eye and ear badly mussed up. Tense drama reigned.

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Burman brought the fans to their feet in the 3rd stanza, despite a heavy attack from the champion, he connected with a hard left and right that drove Louis to cover. In ducking, the champion slipped and fell between the second and third strands of ropes. Pandemonium held sway. But Louis regained his bearings, cut loose with a vicious body attack, and soon had the white boy in trouble, but Burman battled gamely.

LOUIS TURNS "KILLER"

The "pay-off" came late in the fifth round when Louis virtually closed Burman's left eye, then rocked him to sleep with a jolting volley of lethal left hooks and right crosss. One uppercut almost lifted the challenger off the floor. Then Louis sent home a murderous right to the body, a steaming left hook to the jaw and another devastating right to the mid-section toppled Burman to the canvas at the base of the ropes. He was counted out and still lay inert long after Referee Frank Fullam had completed the count.

ARMSTRONG HONORED

As a symbol of the affection in which he was held as "triple champion" and still is held by Fistiana following his unsuccessful, heroic rebid for the world welterweight crown recently, Henry Armstrong was presented with a gold medal by Announcer Harry Balogh just before the Louis-Burman fight.

THREE MORE '41 BOUTS

The Burman battle was Louis' second in two months. He scored a TKO over Al McCoy in Boston during late December. From here, the Brown Bomber takes on Abe Simon in March with Baltimore bidding heavily for the contest, Arturo Godoy for the third time in April in Los Angeles, and Billy Conn in a headline outdoor bout next June in Yankee Stadium.

Once again Friday night, Joe Louis demonstrated that, if he has gone back any in recent years, he is still heads and shoulders above the heavyweight field. In fact, following his business-like kayo of Burman, the wise boys were saying he could still "go back" a long way and yet show a wide margin over the rest of the aspirants for his coveted diadem.

Burman rushes from corner, lands light right to Louis' head. Louis ties up the challenger, later sending him to ropes with leeft and right. Louis sent home left and right to nose, left and right to head, lefts to chin and nose, and right to ribs. Louis connects with left to body, right to chin and then left and right to body. Burman bruises a right to Louis' chin, grits teeth moves in slowly and lands left jab to Louis' noes, Burman misses a right, then wild swing with left and right fists. Louis drives back Burman with lefts and rights to body, left and rights to face, left to mouth, left to nose, left to chin. Burman hits Louis' chin with left jab, then crowds champion to ropes. Louis lands left to body right to chin but is again crowded to ropes by Burman. Louis spears left chop to Burman's nose Burman socks Louis with left to nose, left to body, right to face. Louis gets in left to body and right to nose at bell. LOUIS' ROUND.

ROUND TWO

Louis blinks slightly from left eye. Louis swings left and right to chin but misses left. Burman stabs left to body and right to head, then crowds Louis to ropes. Louis lands short left hooks and right cross to chin and body. Burman moves in bobbing and weaving. Louis smacks Burman with left, right to chin and Burman retaliates with right to Joe's body. At close quarters, Louis connects with left and right to jaw, hard left to jaw, light left jabs to face, left hooks to Burman's ear and face. Burman moves in and takes left and right to chin from Louis, using a counter-attack effectively. A right uppercut and right high on the head are thrown by Louis, then a left jabs to Burman's nose and right high on the chin. Louis lands a right to the head. Louis slashes Burman with right to left ear. A right and left by Louis are sent home at bell. LOUIS' ROUND

ROUND THREE

Burman peppers Louis with light lefts to head. Louis watches him coolly, then strikes with left jab to noes, but strikes with left jab and head ade wild. Louis spurts with lefts to face and chin, right cross and left hook to chin, right and left to body. The battlers carry the fight to a neutral corner, where Burman swings with a left and right to the jaw that threw Louis on the defensive, In ducking a short, stiff right Louis slips, lands between second and third strands of ropes. Twenty two seconds elapsed. Louis gets balanced, lands left hook to eye, leeft jab to nose, left and right to jaw, right chop to left ear Burman wraps gloves around Louis, pushes him to ropes. Louis bangs rights and lefts to Burman's chin. Burman whizzes hard left to bady. Louis drills left hook to jaw, Burman moves in and stings Louis with left jabs. Burman lands short right, and Louis connects with jab at bell. BURMAN'S ROUND

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ROUND FOUR

Burman's right eye cut. Burman misses right, takes left to jaw and another lift to nose, then left jab to chin. Burman misses right, then swings wildly and misses left and right. Louis hits the jaw with left jab. Burman gets in short right. Louis finds range, drives back Burman with left and right to body, left jabs to noes, right cross to jaw, right to nose, right to mouth, grazing right to chin short right to face, right to heart, left hooks to jaw and chin, right to jaw, left uppercut to chin, and Burman's nose drips claret. Louis drills steaming left hook to jaw. Burman battling against an arounsed champion drove in left and right to jaw, then uncocked one-two to jaw and head. Louis lands left and right to body. Burman puts in right to jaw. Burman connects with short left hook, then is driven to ropes by series of Louis' left hooks. Louis lands left jaw then left and right to body and short left to jaw at bell.

LOUIS' ROUND

ROUND FIVE

Buman still aggressor, wades in. His attempted left hook is wild and misses. A light left by Burman lands but does no damage. Louis sensing the "kill", drives home right to body, but Burman sends in light right to ribs. Burman's left eye bleeding slightly. Louis accelerates attack, drills lefts to jaw, rights to body. Burman lands right to body. Louis flashes left and right to chin. Louis jabs and hooks to Burman's bad left eye. Burman throws in light right to ribs, grabs champion but four-inch right and lefts send him to ropes. Louis, business-like stabs lefts and rights to body, left hook and right cross to chin, left hook to jaw, more righs and lefts to body, then a vicious right uppercut that staggered Burman. Louis stalked Burman, drove in sizzling right to body and murderous left hook to jaw, more rights and left to body, cut loose with a deadly right to the mid-section. Burman went down heavily to the canvas. Burman, head resting on botton strand of ropes and body inert, counted out by Referee Frank Fullam. Time 2 minutes, 46 seconds.

Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

Louis Plans to Quit Ring This Autumn

MAR 25 1941

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

New York, March 24. — Joe Louis, heavyweight titleholder, is going through the most intensive fighting year of his career as a headliner because he plans to retire in the fall and, since his earning power will be cut off, wants to make an additional $250,000 that will serve as insurance against possible lack of success in the operation of his farm in Michigan. MAR 25 1941

He is ready to join the draft and wants to have his boxing career closed when he enters the service.

Since late last fall, when Louis confided to Promoter Mike Jacobs his intentions, the heavyweight champion has drawn $229,000 gross in four fights fights in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Detroit. His price always being 40 per cent, it's no task to discover how much he and his managers, John Roxborough and Julian Black, netted.

Has Four Fights

Joe can earn at least $150,000 more by continuing his fight-a-month schedule through September, because outdoor fights will bring bigger money. He already is booked for two indoor dates and two open air shows.

In the St. Louis indoor arena April 8 with Tony Musto the gate won't be less than $40,000. The Simon return in Madison Square Garden should do $80,000. The Billy Conn fight could gross $150,000 if staged at Yankee Stadium June 19 or 26, but if switched to Pittsburgh, which is possible since it comes perilously soon after the Simon scrap, the receipts might top $200,000.

If Bob Pastor repeats his victory over Turkey Thompson in Los Angeles—and a return bout is planned by Jacobs' coast agent for late April—the New Yorker's third clash with Louis will be a $100,000 proposition. This match is slated July 21 in Los Angeels.

May Get Title Shot

In case Buddy Baer defeats Tony Gaelnto in Cline Stadium, Washington, D. C., on April 8, he will pave the way for an August bout wit hthe champion in Griffith Stadium that would draw more than $125,000.

Then a bout that would draw most of all—a September battle with the winner of the Lou Nova-Max Baer tiff in the Garden a week from Friday. Joe would prefer to finish where he started, in Detroit, but either in Briggs Stadium or Yankee Stadium it would gross $300,000, possibly more.

Should Louis follow this program, he will retire with a record unprecedented, a heavyweight champion who defended his title 21 times before tossing it to the other boys. Tunney made only one defense, against Tom Heeney. Jack Dempsey lost his crown to Gene in his sixth start as champion. MAR 25 1941

Louis will be troubled by any one who moves, upright or crouching, and anyone who uses a left cleverly.

If that opponent can assimilate punishment the way Simon did he'll stick around a long while. But Louis probably will wear him down to win on points.

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Simon Down but Not Out

WORLD TELEGRAM
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Abe Simon, New York, amazed the boxing world last night when he stayed until the 13th round with Joe Louis in a Detroit championship match. Abe is shown here on the floor in the third round after taking one of the Bombers blows on the chin. The challenger managed to get to his feet at the count of nine, and staved off the champion's attack until Referee Hennessy stopped the bout in the 13th. This was the 15th time Louis successfully defended his title.

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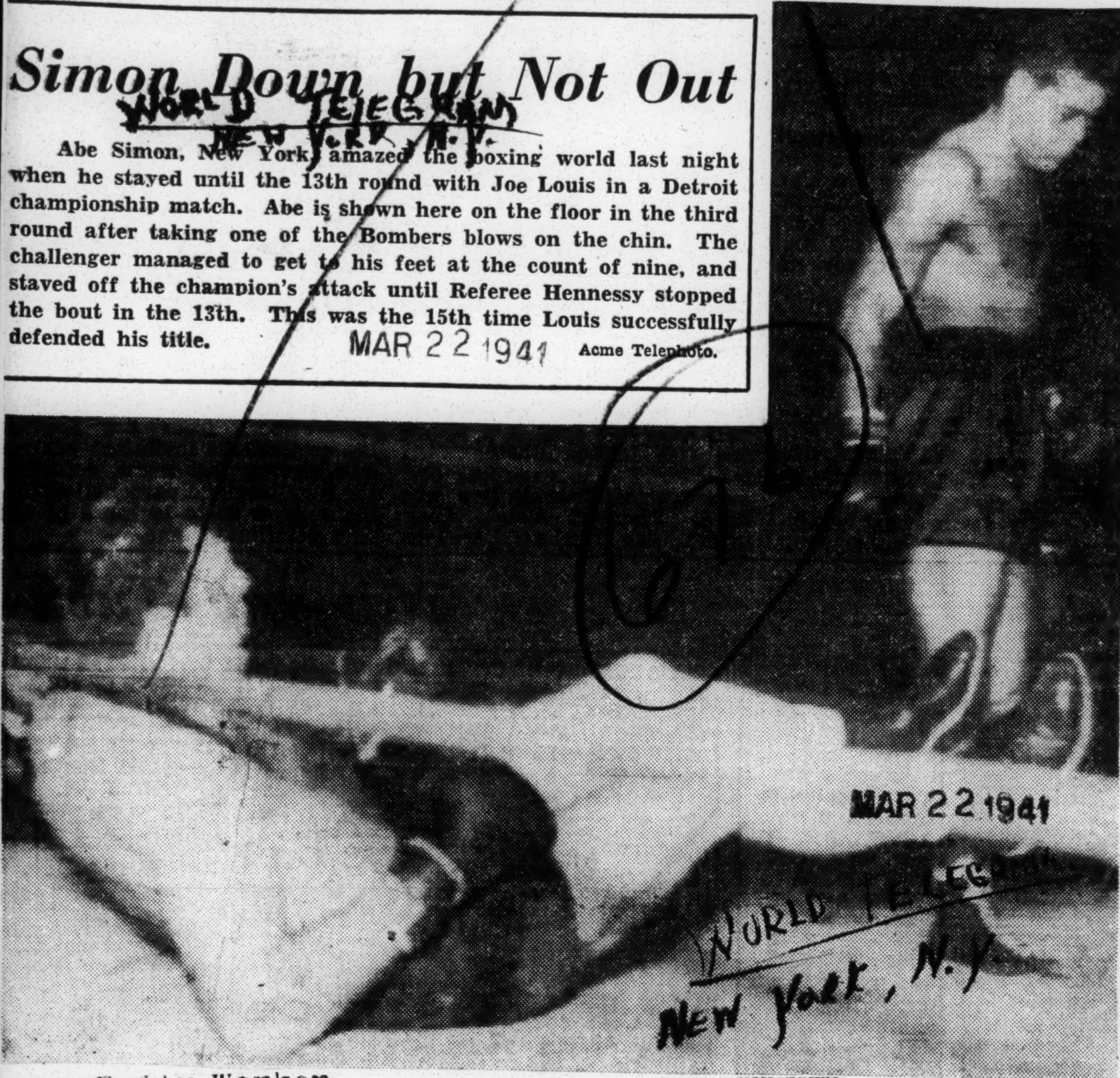
Acme Telephoto.



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NEW YORK, N.Y.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Baer Wants to Debunk Conn Before Louis (After Beating Nova)

MAR 29 1941

Max Baer and his manager, Ancil Hoffman turned down a September title fight with Joe Louis yesterday and demanded instead a May bout with Billy Conn.

This occurred at Maxie's camp in Lakewood, N. J., where Promoter Mike Jacobs optimistically offered Baer a contract for the September title tilt in case he defeats his fellow-Californian, Nova, in their contenders' battle meet Friday night.

Hoffman and Baer told the surprised promoter they are not interested in a Louis bout—yet, because the public will demand a Baer-Conn match after Maxie belts out Nova Friday night.

Hoffman said, "Let Conn prove that he's a proper opponent for Louis in the proposed June fight by beating Maxie in early May. Maxie and Conn will draw a lot of money outdoors. Maxie will knock him out easily and then draw another million-dollar gate with Louis in late June—like they did back in 1935."

Boxing writers had three interpretations of Hoffman's refusal to sign for Louis:

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(1) Perhaps Baer intends never to meet the great champ because Maxie's wife, Mary Ellen, has always opposed strenuously such a match. (2) Perhaps artful Ancil **wants Maxie to get two good money shots, in May and June, instead of only one in September. He figures that if Baer beats both Nova and Conn, he naturally would get the June title tilt with Louis. (3) Perhaps Hoffman is merely screening his intentions to chisel a big percentage out of Jacobs for a September bout, in case Maxie beats Nova impressively. That's why he is postponing the signing until after the Nova bout, meanwhile jockeying for position.**

Unfortunately for Jacobs, Hoffman and Baer can take their time in signing for Louis since they are one of the rare combinations who owe Mike no money. They are entirely independent of the big bankroll guy, as they showed in switching to Jack Kearns last September.

Baer seemed in good physical condition during his six rounds of sparring with Elza Thompson and Bob Nestell in the Palace Theatre. He was using his left hook more than ever before, apparently recalling what Tony Galento's left hook did to Nova at Philadelphia. However, Maxie is still an easy target, and Nestell of California, gave him a pasting in their final round.

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Time
Chicago, Illinois

Not-So-Simple Simon

MAR 31 1941

When Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis embarked on his fight-a-month campaign last fall, Broadway wags dubbed his opponents the Bum-of-the-Month Club. Last week, in Detroit's Olympia Stadium, Louis took on his pushover for March: 255-lb., 26-year-old Abe Simon of Richmond Hill, Long Island.

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Abe Simon, oversized son of a Jewish butter-&-egg salesman, was no more worthy a challenger than Gus Dorazio, Red Burman, Al McCoy or the half-dozen other second-raters who have served as punching bags for the Champ. Patterned on the lines of Primo Carnera, Giant Simon, a stand-up boxer (6 ft. 4 in.), had nothing up his forearm but the longest reach (83 in.) and the largest mitts ($14\frac{1}{2}$ in.) in the fight game.

International

ABE SIMON (*LEFT*), JOE LOUIS
Promoter Jacobs tripled.

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A few weeks ago, in Baltimore, gentle Giant Simon had been licked by a third-rater named Jim Thompson. "Simple Simon," sneered the experts, and bet 4-to-1 that Louis would polish him off before the end of the fifth round.

But at the end of the fifth round Simon was still on his big feet. The 19,000 Detroiters in the arena could scarcely believe their eyes. Sure, Abe had been toppled in the first round, hit the canvas again in the third. But here was one pushover who refused to stay down. Back he came—jabbing, jabbing, jabbing with his giant left paw. His persistence raised a mouse under Joe Louis' left eye.

The fight was scheduled for 20 rounds. The fans began to wonder whether Simple Simon might last it out. Round after round Simon still stood on his feet, and the crowd went wild. How much punishment could this behemoth take? In the 13th round they had their answer. Dazed, dead-armed, after paralyzing rights to the jaw had floored him a third and a fourth time, the challenger suddenly turned his back on the champion, staggered over to the ropes. Louis, perplexed, stood stock-still, calmly watched the referee award him the fight on a technical knockout.

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"That Simon is a lot better fighter than most people think," drawled the Champion. His fellow townsmen cheered the most exciting fight of the year, agreed that Simon should be expelled from the Bum-of-the-Month Club. Hardly had the crowd filed out of the arena when Promoter Mike Jacobs announced a return match between Simon and Louis—in New York, May 16, with a $15 instead of a $5 top.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

SPORTS SLANTS

By Melancholy JONES

Joe Louis Won First Eight Fights After Winning Title In 41 Rounds; Bomber Has Had To Go 51 Rounds In Last Seven Trips

MAR 30 1941

THE NEGRO PRESS, almost to a man, is hastily dismissing any idea that World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis may be slipping since winning the title from Jimmy Braddock June 22, 1937 in Chicago.

The white press, practically without exception, contends that the Brown Bomber has gone back noticeably in the past year or so. MAR 30 1941

After carefully weighing both bones of contention, the column, adhering to its unfailing policy of proving its points factually—with cold figures—sides with the latter—the Nordic press—in its view Joe Louis is definitely slipping.

Don't get this observer wrong, now; he doesn't take the position that Louis' crown is in danger. He pointed out long ago that, as far as he could perceive, Louis could slip by a tremendous margin and still stand out head and shoulders above the present crop of heavyweight contenders.

In fact, that is the opinion of the column regarding what is happening. Louis, definitely, is superior to the rest of the heavyweight field. But, if one is to believe in cold figures, he has shown a slight but noticeable decline since halting Two-Ton Tony Galento in New York City June 22, 1938. MAR 30 1941

Counting the Tommy Farr bout, first contest in which he defended his heavyweight crown August 10, 1937, and moving through the Galento skirmish, the Brown Bomber paced his title on the line seven times in battles scheduled to go 150 rounds. Louis needed but 30 of those rounds for the lofty efficiency rating of 350%.

After that, Louis had to go 11 rounds to stop Bob Pastor in his eighth title defense; 15 rounds to decision Arturo Godoy in his ninth defense of the world heavyweight diadem. Godoy in his 10th defnese of the world heavyweight diadem.

A run of lesser opponents, all indoor matches, came along in the next four outings—Johnny Paychek (2), Al Mc Coy (6), Red Burman (5), Gus Dorazio (2)—and it took the Brown Bomber an aggregate of 15 rounds to get rid of the quartet. MAR 30 1941

Then, a few days ago in his 15th title defense, Louis had to go 13 stanzas to bottle up and go with Abe Simon, 254½-pound Jewish pachyderm.

This shows that Louis won the first seven fights after he won the heavyweight title in 30 of a scheduled 105 rounds for an efficiency rating of 350%, but had to go 62 rounds of a scheduled 130 for an efficiency average of 209%. A lump of 141% in efficiency against weaker opposition in ...e space of just one and a half years!

The record of Louis' 15 title defenses and the number of rounds it required him to win is given below. The outside column of figures on the rgiht is a running total of complete rounds boxed. (OF) denotes "Outdoor Fights."

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OPPONENT	DATE	ROUNDS	
1. Tommy Farr (OF)	August 1937	15	
2. Nathan Mann	February 1938	3	18
3. Harry Thomas	April 1938	5	23
4. Max Schmeling (OF)	June 1938	1	24
5. John Henry Lewis	January 1939	1	25
6. Jack Roper	April 1939	1	26
7. Tony Galento (OF)	June 1939	4	30
8. Bob Pastor (OF)	September 1939	11	41
9. Arturo Godoy	February 1940	15	56
10. Johnny Paychek	March 1940	2	48
11. Arturo Godoy (OF)	June 1940	8	66
12. Al Mc Coy	December 1940	6	72
13. Red Burman	January 1941	5	77
14. Gus Dorazio	February 1941	2	79
15. Abe Simon	March 1941	13	92

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Total Rounds First Eight Fights 41
Total Rounds Last Seven Fights 51
Average Rounds Knocked Out Foes in First Eight 5.12
Average Rounds Knocked Out Foes in Last Seven 7.29
Total Loss of Efficiency in Last Seven .... 2.17 rounds

Thus, to the open-minded, it is clear to see that, regardless of the fact that the Brown Bomber is still—and by knockouts—he is definitely slipping. MAR 30 1941

To the fair observer, Schmeling, Galento, Pastor, Lewis, Thomas, Mann and Roper will certainly get a higher evaluation, collectively, than Paychek, Mc Coy, Burman and Dorazio—even with Godoy and Simon thrown in—but, just the same, it has taken Louis 10 rounds more (51 to 41) in one less fight against the said weaker opposition to get his desired job done. MAR 30 1941

It is clear, then, that no matter how distasteful the news may be. Joe Louis IS slipping!

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Full House Sees Champ In St. Louis

APR 9 - 1941

Fans Flock to Arena Despite Fact Challenger Is Mediocre Foe

By the Associated Press

St. Lous, April 8.—Before an estimated 20,0000 fans Joe Louis defended his title for the sixteenth time tonight by stopping game Tony Musto, of Chicago, in nine rounds. Louis weighed 203¼; Musto 199½. After finding considerable trouble solving Musto's pronounced crouch and crowding tactics through the early rounds, the Brown Bomber started to find the range in the seventh and had Musto so badly cut up around the nose and right eye in the ninth that Referee Arthur Donovan halted the bout. Louis was a technical knockout winner at 1:36 of the ninth.

The fight by rounds follows:

ROUND ONE

Louis backed off as Musto came forward in a crouch. Musto backed Louis in a neutral corner, Musto filed a right to body and took a left. Musto dug a left to the body. Louis threw both hands to his head. Musto charged in and bounced a right off Joe's ribs. Louis threw three straight lefts to face and Musto's forehead was red-splotched. Tony continued to shoot for Joe's mid-section as the Bomber stuck his straight left to face. Louis smashed two straight lefts to body and took one himself. Louis straightened Musto up with a right to body. Louis' round.

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Joe stuck half dozen straight lefts to Tony's face before Musto leaped in and threw left, right, left to head. Musto bounced a hard hook off Joe's eye. Musto smashed Louis three times with lefts to face. Louis cracked Tony with a hard right to jaw. Louis sent Musto back on his heels with a short right. Musto hooked twice to Joe's jaw, but Joe came back with three short rights to head. Joe dug a right to body and another to nose. Tony crowded in and fired a left hook to ear, traded hooks to head. Joe bounced two hard rights off Musto's face and another off Musto's body and Joe pummeled Musto at will. Musto connected with a hard right at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND THREE

Musto threw a right to body and then was just short with a short right to jaw. Musto backed Louis into a corner and threw a half dozen punches into Louis' face. Louis stuck three lefts to Tony's nose. Joe measured Musto to the jaw and Tony appeared hurt. Louis threw two more rights to face. A right floored Musto in mid-ring, but he got up. Musto bounced a right off Joe's ear. Musto crossed a sharp left to nose. Joe's straight left had Musto's nose bleeding now. Joe fired two lefts and rights to head and Musto dug both hands into body at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND FOUR

Between rounds the official timekeeper announced Musto took count one before coming up. Musto fired both hands to body. Louis backed off from Musto's crouch and threw low swinging punches. Louis hooked two short lefts to face and then they traded lefts to the head. Louis dug both hands to ribs. Joe fired four right uppercuts without a return while Tony remained in his crouch. Joe dug two solid rights to body but caught two rights to body and Joe cut Tony's nose with both hands. Joe was doing a lot of bloody damage now. They were mauling each other at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND FIVE

Musto poked a straight left to Joe's mouth and received two of the same in return.. Joe backed off and stabbed half dozen times with his left drawing more glood from Tony's nose. Joe straightened Tony up with a vicious right uppercut but Tony went right back into his crouch and continued to crowd Joe while throwing body punches, the action was much slower Musto bounced a left off Joe's ear and a right to Joe's jaw. Musto threw a left to Joe's face. Joe fired a smashing right hand to jaw. Musto bounced two more punches off jaw at close quarters. Tony had Louis backed at ropes at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND SIX

A straight left again drew blood from Musto's nose. Tony threw left and right to body as Joe continued to pepper him with jabs. They traded short hard rights. Musto bounced a left and right off Joe's jaw. Louis ranged ony's ear with a right. Musto hit Joe onT the paw with a short, hard left and repeated the process as he came out of a crouch. They traded solid rights to jaw. Musto dug left and right to body and Louis backed away. Joe crossed a hard right to jaw. Musto backed Louis into a neutral corner and threw half a dozen rights to head. Joe hooked a left to ear at the bell.

ROUND SEVEN

Joe poked straight lefts on Tony's ears. A hard right straightened Musto up. Musto landed a right on the head as Louis threw his right to body. A left and right straightened Musto up and snapped his head back. A short left hook put to Tony's eye and his face was covered with blood. Louis punched him at will without a return and the crowd was wild. Still Musto stalked in and tried to land, but Joe was doing terrible damage to his face. Joe hooked a short left to the jaw and followed it with a right and another left. Both fighters were smeared with Tony's blood at the bell.

Louis' round. APR 9 - 1941

ROUND EIGHT

Between rounds Donovan walked to Musto's corner to examine his injuries. Louis started in where he left off with both hands flying. Musto hooked a left to ear. A short rgiht caused Musto to drop his mouthpiece on the floor. Musto charged in and landed left and right on the face. A short hard right snapped Tony's head back. Musto bounced a left off Joe's nose, but took three rights in reutrn. Joe stabbed four times to the nose and again Musto's face was smeared. Louis bounced a left off nose and then followed with left and right squarely to face. Musto hooked a left to the head at the bell. Louis' round.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Joe Louis' Wonderful Achievement

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The sports world at large has in Joe Louis something to be proud of. Sponsors and their immediate fans in every line of endeavor glory in the fine traits and respectful demeanor of those they are selling to the public.

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Not within the whole history of the fistic world has any champion before defended his title successfully for the thirteenth time. We have had the sad experience of glaring newspaper stories of scandal and the running afoul of the clutches of the law from this angle. At one time a champion did not defend his title for some two years or more and was nearly forced from his subterfuges by which he retained his title.

These feats cost the pugilistic world much prestige and many ugly questions which did the sport no good were raised. The practice fell at one time to such disrepute as to almost run it out of the country.

Back a few years ago, a poor boy from the Black Hills of Alabama went to Detroit. Rising from the humble position of selling newspapers for the support of himself and family to a good job at Ford's factory. Here he worked diligently and through the practice of clean habits and care of his body and soul, he impressed those with means that he had another talent lying inert and yearning for expression. When Joe Louis practiced in those small street corner bouts he had no idea that he would some day be champion of the world.

With timely and expressive modesty he has risen to the highest place in the realm of sportsdom. He has borne his honor with keeping grace and in all his fights there has come to him high praise for his cleanliness and high class sportsmanship.

Joe Louis will doubtless retire a champion. He has not used his mouth for brains and has not dissipated his fine fortune in riotous living and lacivious lawsuits. He is and has been the manly gentleman, possessed with the poise and dignity of the statesman.

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His contribution to his country and race will inure to history and it is not believed that anything will come in after life to cause his people to hang their head in shame.

He stepped into the breech when the pugilistic world was sorely in need of an honest and upright man to wear with becoming honor the mantle that on lesser shoulders would topple its bearer into the sea.

Joe Louis has rendered a contribution and a service and the sports world has from him something upon which it can build with profit for many generations to come.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Louis To Quit Ring and Join Army, Report

APR 24 1941

Joe's Busy Campaign Will End in Fall, Reliable Report Says.

By SID FEDER.

NEW YORK, April 23.—(AP)—The latest reason advanced for the Joe Louis bull market on bashing beaks this year is that the Brown Bomber definitely plans to retire this fall, probably to join the Army.

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Joe's "abdication" has been rumored along Jacobs Beach for the past two years, with a good deal of pooh-poohing. But a source who usually knows what's making the fight game tick told this department today that this year is "it."

Because of these plans, it was explained, Joe now is going right to leave his heavyweight house through the ranks of challengers, logical and otherwise. He wants in order, with no question marks concerning his stand on any big fellow with two fists and with as much "sugar" as he's going to need for fried chicken for himself and oats for those horses out there on the Michigan dude ranch.

The whole outline, this source added, hinges on the champion's ability to knock the ears off Buddy Baer, Billy Conn, ample Abraham Simon and determined Lou Nova between now and the time he hangs them up for good. If one of those four should take his title, he probably would try to regain it.

The four fights still to come—Baer in Washington next month, and the other three spread over June, July and September, probably in New York—will give the Bomber a total of eight fights for the year. The four big battles figure to draw in the neighborhood of $600,000, of which Joe's share probably will be just over $225,000.

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That sum, with the $76,622.22 he has received from his spring swat tour against Red Burman, Gus Dorazio, Simon and Tony Musto, will produce a "take" of a little more than $300,000 for 1941, the biggest year he's had since 1938, when he collected $376,029, most of it from his second get-together with Max Schmeling.

Naturally, all hands are putting a loud denial on this proposition, as they have in the past. But there are some sound reasons to believe it this time. First, Joe has a low number in the draft and has said he would not ask for deferment. Second, he no longer gets a "kick" out of knocking the other guys' ears down. Third, there would be no other reason, except to walk out with as big a bank roll as possible, for him to take on the "contenders" he has met lately.

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Birmingham, Ala.

In The Bucks

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Joe Louis' Earnings $1,798,000 And May Top $2,000,000 Mark

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BY EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK—(AP)—One of the Boston papers started something when it charged Notre Dame is raiding Boston College football talent . . . New England very much het up about it . . . Frank Leahy denied everything from South Bend . . . Trainer Max Hirsch has just made up his mind not to start Dispose (which fell by the wayside last week) in Saturday's Wood Memorial, Eastern section of the Derby preview . . . Right up to this minute, Joe Louis' ring earnings over a seven and a half year stretch are $1,798,463.46 . . . And those pay days with the Messrs. Baer, Simon, Conn and Nova may shoot him over the two million mark . . . Bad weather cost the Tigers 30 grand during the first week of the season.

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DEACON CASHES IN

We think McKechnie rates a cheer
For hanging on to Vander Meer.
It looks like he will gain his ends,
For Johnny's paying dividends.

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SPORTS TABLOID—That's Lynn Waldorf moaning—about his Northwestern line . . . Attention, scouts: There's another Joe DiMaggio playing the outfield for the New York U. nine . . . Golfer Francis Ouimet, one of the new owners of the Bees, aspired to be a ball player, but soured on the idea after walking three miles to the nearest playing field every day for two years . . . Every other club in the National League is after Tom Hughes, young Philly right-hander . . . Music lovers can tune in next Saturday night if they want to hear Charlie Grimm play a left-handed banjo and Lou Novikoff a right-handed harmonica on that Barn Dance show . . . William Maxwell, No. 3 player on the Michigan State net team, is ambidextrous and can serve 'em up just as hot with one hand as the other.

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TODAY'S GUEST STAR

DEAK MORSE, St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Caledonian-Record: "The Boston story:
"Bees syndicated,
"Cronin vindicated."

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THE GAY FIGHT WAY—El Galento, on tour as a wrestling referee, left his wallet containing 10 century notes under his pillow in a Green River, Wyo., hotel . . . The loss wasn't discovered until 24 hours later in Tremont, Utah . . . P. S.: The hotel found the dough, shipped it along and it caught up with Tony at Salt Lake City . . . Eddie Mead, who managed Henry Armstrong to three titles in a little more than a year, will turn promoter if he can get control of one of the small clubs on the subway circuit . . . Some of our best boxing minds say Billy Conn will find himself on the outside looking in so far as meeting Louis in June is concerned . . . Joe Gould seems to have Kayo Morgan, the Detroit lightweight, off to a successful comeback.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

YOU HEAR, read daily, about Joe Louis. One day it is "Louis will retire."

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The next day you hear, "Louis will **NOT** retire." But from Mr. Louis, a young man of great native intelligence, son of a great mother, you hear nothing.

Those loudest in opinion on Mr. Louis had little or nothing, to do with his success. "Sports" "group," etc., gave him moral support. After he got started, out the **AMERICAN PEOPLE** made him rich.

The Chicago Tribune gave him his chance; the rest is all Louis. Physical skill is only half of the Louis story; the other half is his moral courage, in the ring, on the platform, anywhere.

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Put this down. If Mr. Louis goes into the army he will remain a "buck private" about as long as it takes to sign his name.

He will turn up a lieutenant in charge of physical instruction in **ALL** camps.

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"How does **HE** know so much?" you ask. This writer knows but little, but he **DOES** know the American white man, who **ALONE** appreciates talent; has what is called a sense of values, who takes of his hat to worth, brains, whenever these things pass by.

If Uncle Sam wants you, Mr. Louis, answer promptly. The ring will never see your likes again. **ALL** you are. **ALL** you have, you owe to the U.S.A.

Your intelligence, your fame, your **NAME**, all belong to your country. Also make your great mother happy.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Louis Opens Stiff Campaign Vs. Baer, Conn

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Bout With Billy Slated for June 18 in Polo Grounds—Champion Will Probably Meet Lou Nova in September

By Bill Newton

With Billy Conn definitely slated to fight Joe Louis June 18, every sign seems to point to the busiest summer in Louis' reign. The most amazing, and greatest heavyweight champ of all time will probably engage in no less than four title defenses this summer, following a spring schedule of a fight a month. What more can Joe possibly do to prove his supreme skill? Would a "slipping" champ endanger his crown in such a way?

Joe will begin his summer season by doing things to 250-pound Buddy Baer May 23 in Washington, and he'll then take on Conn in the Polo Grounds three weeks later.

Following that assignment, Joe may meet Abe Simon in August. And for a fillip on a successful beak-busting season, he will probably finish off the series of four encounters by finishing off Lou Nova.

For Joe, who makes his 17th title defense against Baer, that regimen undoubtedly should prove the most trying he has undergone in some time. What other heavyweight king in history has ever given himself such a stiff schedule? Baer, Conn, and Nova—certainly the latter two—figure to prove real problems for the champ. Although it's not considered likely that huge Abe Simon will last 13 rounds with Louis, he showed in Detroit that it takes plenty of punching to keep him down.

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In New York yesterday, to formally put the stamp of approval on his bout with Louis, Conn said that "I think I'm going to be the next champion."

Whether he actually thinks that or not, it is interesting to note that until a few days ago Billy was not even sure that he would be the next challenger. Many observers thought that rugged Lou Nova, conqueror of Maxie Baer, would step into the June title shot.

Now it seems that Nova is being saved by Mike Jacobs for the piece de resistance with Louis next September.

Lou is undoubtedly the most toughest customer on the Bomber's list.

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Buddy Baer, although big and strong and better then he has been rated, lacks the fighting urge so necessary for a Louis opponent. Conn, a boxing master, is too light for Louis, and hasn't the punch to trouble King Joe. As for Simon, his size and heart are his major assets.

But Nova, with a cutting punch, plenty of strength, and proven ability to sop up punishment, is the type of heavyweight who can prove a problem to Louis—if anyone can. If Joe were actually slipping, it would probably be a competent heavyweight like Nova who could defeat him. As things stand, the Californian will probably give Louis a far tougher evening than anyone he has met in some time.

Joe and his handlers, who agreed to the Conn date by telephone from Detroit, probably will leave that city Monday for Washington, where he'll train for the Baer set-to.

Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

Joe Louis to Make 4 More Defenses of Heavy Crown Ere Expected Army Entry

Activity Will Bring to 20 His Title Risks Since He Won Championship from Jim Braddock

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By Frank Mastro
(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Chicago, May 3.—Joe Louis will make four more defenses of his heavyweight boxing championship before a contemplated entrance into the army in September. This activity will bring his title risks to an even 20 since dethroning James J. Braddock in Chicago, June 22, 1937.

The Brown Bomber's next assignment is a 15-round bout with Buddy Baer in Washington, D. C. May 23. He also is scheduled to meet Billy Conn in June, Abe Simon or Bob Pastor in July, and Lou Nova in September.

The fact that Louis has not placed the belt on the block in nearly a month now (he stopped Tony Musto in nine rounds in St. Louis in his last appearance on April 8) has come in for criticism, some wondering if Joe is getting soft.

Louis has earned a total of $1,842,540 in purses in the professional field since winning the 1934 Chicagoland light heavyweight diamond studded Golden Glove—$758,563 before becoming world title holder, and $1,083,977 afterward, including the $100,211 he collected for the conquest of Braddock.

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Of this aggregate sum an estimated $184,254 was spent for training expenses, leaving profits of approximately $1,658,286. Louis split the proceeds with John Roxborough and Julian Black, his comanagers. Thus Joe received a net of $829,143 for his work in the ring during six years and 11 months of campaigning. A little arithmetic reveals the champion has been paid at the rate of $9989 every month during that span. From a monthly salary of $9989 as a boxer to $21 and $30 every 30 days as a private in the army is a considerable drop, but the somber-faced Louis is not complaining.

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The Bomber returned his questionnaire to his draft board on the south side of Chicago on January 7, but because he is married, first was placed in class 3-A making him ineligible for immediate call. Because of his large income, a fact which makes his wife independent of him, Louis board changed his classification after reviewing his case, so he'll actually be inducted when his number is reached. The champion's draft number is 2611, placing him 378 on the list of his board.

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Montgomery, Ala.

Joe Louis Retains Boxing Crown With T.K.O. In Seventh

Baer Knocks Champion Through Ropes In 1st; Foul Claimed

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By SID FEDER
Associated Press Staff Writer

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Atlanta, Georgia

Baer Fails To Answer Bell in Seventh Round

Joe Louis Comes Back To Successfully Defend Title for 17th Time After Being Knocked Through Ropes in First Round.

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GRIFFITH STADIUM, WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—After being knocked through the ropes in the first round, Joe Louis came back tonight to successfully defend his world heavyweight championship for the 17th time when Buddy Baer was unable to come out for the seventh round of a fight that ended in confusion even among the officials as to just what had happened at the finish. Louis weighed 201¾, Baer 237½.

Referee Arthur Donovan said he "disqualified Baer for refusing to come out for the start of the seventh." However, Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager, roared that he was claiming the "bout and title on a foul" because, he charged, Louis had hit the huge Californian after the bell sounded ending the sixth round.

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GETS UP AT TEN.

Baer had just been floored for the second time in the sixth round with a vicious right cross. He got up just as the lips of both Referee Donovan and the knockdown timekeeper, Charles Reynolds, formed the word "ten." Just then the bell ending the round sounded, but Louis already had charged across the ring and let go a smashing right that connected with Buddy's jaw. Buddy's handlers refused to let him come out for the seventh, and Hoffman, who piloted Buddy's big brother, Max, to the heavyweight title, announced he was claiming the foul.

The finish was greeted by confused shouts and roars from the crowd of more than 25,000 who jammed this big ball park, but the most amazing part of the fight came in the first round, almost the first minute, when Buddy charged across the ring and let go a smashing left hook that dropped Louis' head first between the second and the top strand of the ropes. He climbed to his feet and got back into action at the count of four.

Referee Donovan announced that the fight officially ended in the seventh round.

ROUND ONE.

Baer came out with his chin well covered by his left shoulder. They exchanged short left hooks. Louis spun Buddy half around with a hard right to the head. In close each dug both hands to the body. Louis bounced two short hooks off the jaw and took one in return. Baer fired a short right to the head in a half clinch. Louis crossed a hard right to the chin. Louis hooked a left to the jaw. Baer dug left and right to the body as he went into a clinch. Baer knocked Louis through the ropes with a short hard left hand for a count of 3. Louis climbed back through the ropes and fought off Buddy's rush. Each thought he heard the bell ring and walked toward his corner. But it was an error and Donovan motioned them to continue to fight. They exchanged two short left at the bell. **Baer's round.**

ROUND TWO.

Buddy charged in close and dug both hands to the body. Baer bounced left and right off the head. Louis staggered Baer with left and right to the jaw and then hurt Buddy with a flurry of half dozen more punches. Baer charged back and they staged a sharp flurry in middle of the ring. Louis measured Baer with three smashing rights, but Baer took them and fought back. Louis bounced a smashing left and right off Buddy's jaw. Baer dug a one-two into the face. Both threw punches at the body at will. Baer hooked a left to the head. Louis swung a hard right and a left to the nose at the bell. **Louis' round.**

ROUND THREE.

Ringside officials announced that the count on Louis' knockdown in the first round was four, not three. They traded sharp left jabs to the head. Louis poked a hard left under Buddy's eye and bounced another off his nose. In a half clinch they dug lefts and rights into the body. The action was slower in this round. They exchanged short hooks to the head. Then Joe stabbed Baer with half a dozen sharp jabs. Baer threw two rights at Joe's ribs and Louis' left side showed a splotch of red. With heads together they tried hooks at each other's jaw. Louis bounced a right off the nose and took a hard right to the heart and another to the cheek in return. Louis threw a right at the bell. **Louis' round.**

ROUND FOUR.

Buddy threw both hands to the head and then landed a left and two more rights on Joe's ear. Baer landed a short right that raised a mouse under Joe's eye. Louis tried four straight lefts to the head and followed up with two short rights. Joe snapped Buddy's head back with a straight left. In close quarters Baer continued to dig his right into Joe's ribs while the champion threw short uppercuts to Baer's face. They traded left hooks. The action was mostly at close quarters, with each mauling the other with short punches. A hook brought a trace of blood to Louis' lip. Louis threw a left to the head at the bell. **Louis' round.**

ROUND FIVE.

Joe hooked to Buddy's jaw and took a left and right high on the head in return. Louis smashed Buddy with a hard left hook to the eye. Baer threw a left hook to the ear and a right to the jaw and then backed Louis into his own corner with lefts and rights to the head. They mauled each other about the head at close quarters. A hard right opened a cut under Joe's eye. Joe was throwing desperation punches now and went into a half crouch to get at close quarters and fire his right. Buddy meantime just stayed on top. Louis threw a smashing hook to the jaw that staggered Baer and then threw both hands to the head until the bell. Baer was hurt. **Baer's round.**

ROUND SIX.

Baer hooked a left to the head, Joe dug his left three times into the body. Louis crossed a hard right to the jaw but Baer fought back at close quarters. Joe snapped Buddy's head back with a short left. Baer bounced a right off Joe's ear. Joe hurt Buddy with a hard left and then measured him against the ropes with two stiff rights. Louis landed with both hands almost at will as Baer was unable to get into close quarters. Baer was taking frightful punishment. Baer suddenly came out of it and threw both hands to Joe's head. Baer suddenly came out of it and threw both hands to Joe's head. Louis measured Baer with a smashing right hand that floored Buddy for acount of six. Louis charged in and pummelled Baer.

Baer failed to answer the bell for the seventh round.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

25,000 BRAVE RAINSTORM FOR TITLE BATTLE

Challenger Carries 36 Pound Edge.

BY ARCH WARD.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

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FIRST ROUND.

The clinched in Baer's corner. oJe jabbed to Buddy's nose. Joe jabbed a left to the face, snapping Baer's head back. Then he landed three jolting lefts to the face. Buddy sent two good lefts to Joe's face and in close they traded uppercuts. Buddy landed heavy lefts to Louis' head. Joe land-ed a hard right to the chin and in close chopped another right to the head. They traded left jabs. Joe drove one to the face in close. Buddy knocked Louis thru the ropes with a right to the chin. Joe was up at four and hooked a left to the head at the bel.

SECOND ROUND.

Buddy ripped rights to the body in close and drove three rights to the champion's chin. Joe staggered Bud with rights to head and Baer fell against the ropes. Louis sent three more hard rights to head that sent Baer reeling. Joe pounded Buddy with rights and lefts, but Buddy fought back with two right uppercuts to Joe's chin. Joe landed a savage blow to the head then crossed a right to jaw. Buddy missed haymaking right uppercut, but landed a left to the chin. Louis shook Baer with a right to the chin at the bell.

THIRD ROUND.

Joe jabbed twice to Buddy's nose. They exchanged left hooks to the head. Joe snapped Bud's head back with a jarring left jab, then landed a hard left hook to the head. Buddy jabbed twice to Joe's nose and Louis chopped left to the face in close. He staggered Bud with rights to the head, then sent five jolting lefts to the same area. Baer pounded Joe's ribs in close with rights. Joe landed short right to the chin, but Buddy drove two hard rights to the face. Joe staggered Baer with a right to the head. Baer made Joe blink with a hard right to the head at the bell.

FOURTH ROUND.

They sparred in mid ring. Both were cautious. Then Baer cut loose with a two fisted attack to the head and body. In close he ripped two hard rights to Louis' kidneys, but Louis landed a short one to the head and then jolted Buddy with a hard left hook to the jaw. Joe jabbed twice to the head then drove a right to the chin. Buddy pounded both hands to the face and body in close and backed Louis to the ropes. Louis landed a left hook and a right cross to the head, but Buddy got in two god jabs to the head. Louis stabbed a left to the face at the bell.

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FIFTH ROUND.

Louis spared cautiously, but Baer landed a left to Joe's head. Joe leaped in with hard left hook to the head, but Baer came back with a left hook to the head, then ripped two rights to the jaw in close. Baer had the better of a two fisted exchange that drove Louis to ropes. In close, Louis drove chopping lefts to the head. A long right opened a cut beneath Louis' left eye. Joe landed a good right to the chin, but Buddy cut loose with a two fisted attack that had blood streaming from Louis cheek bone. Buddy landed a hard right to the head as Joe cut loose with rights and lefts that drove Baer reeling to his corner. Baer was beginning to rally at the bell.

SIXTH ROUND.

Buddy drove a left hook to the head. Joe hooked a left to the head and one to stomach. Joe jabbed twice with lefts to the nose, then ripped a short right to head. Buddy, mauled in close and shoved Louis to the ropes. Louis drove a hard right and left to the body that doubled up Buddy. A hard right shook Baer. Another right drove him to the ropes. He leaned against Louis as Joe drove rights and lefts to the body and head. Baer was reeling and helpless under the attack. A right almost floored him, but he fought back with both hands and drove Louis to the ropes. An uppercut snapped Baer's head back and a right to the chin dropped him for a count of six. Louis ripped rights and lefts to the head. Baer was helpless. A right to the chin dropped him for a count of nine. He was up at nine and another right floored him at the bell. Louis round. Baer was dragged helpless to his corner.

Rain soaked the national capital before the fight but, despite threatening skies, an estimated 25,000 were in the ball park as the main event began. Many Washington political leaders, including Vice President Henry A. Wallace, were at the ringside.

Arthur Donovan was the referee. The judges were Dr. James A. Sullivan and Dr. H. C. Trigg.

Holman Williams, Louis' 151 pound stablemate from Detroit, punched out a six round decision victory over Jimmy Leto, 145, Hartford, Conn., in the second preliminary.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Louis Beats Baer In Seventh Round

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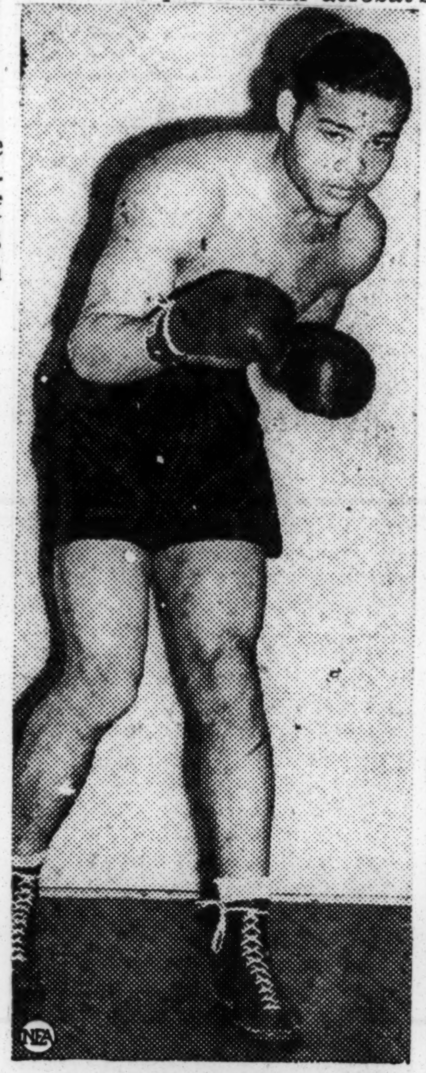
Buddy just put his head down, covered his chin with a tremendous left shoulder and waded in. He backed Joe into the ropes and flipped over a swinging left that hit the heavyweight champion right on the whiskers. Joe fell through the ropes and landed on his neck, his feet sticking straight up in the air in a very good imitation of a professional acrobat's handstand. He got up and climbed back in at the count of four.



JOE LOUIS
[He's Still Champ]

Right then, Joe took over the offensive, but Buddy wasn't through playing yet. He took a world of punishment in the second round but charged right back in with that same bull-like, head-down rush, always trying to stay at close quarters in order to keep Joe from getting any "punching" room.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Is Promised New Chance

Jacobs Impressed By Fine Showing

WASHINGTON, [AP] — They changed the name of the Joe Louis outing society from the "bum a month" to the "bomb a month" club Saturday as Buddy Baer filed a formal claim on the Brown Bomber's world heavyweight championship.

Certainly, Joe's highly-polished prestge, which had gained no particular gleam through his recent efforts against Abe Simon and Tony Musto, was dented considerably by the huge Californian, in spite of Louis' victory Friday night through a somewhat beclouded disqualification of Baer for refusing to come out for the seventh round.

FALL MATCH SEEN

In fact, the 10-to-1 shot Baer did his job so capably, even to knocking Joe through the ropes right in the first round, that Promoter Mike Jacobs immediately promised him a re-match. "Uncle Mike" said he would toss Max's kid brother in again on June 18 if Billy Conn, Louis' scheduled opponent on that date, "doesn't look good" against Buddy Knox in Pittsburgh Monday. However, this was considered unlikely, and the second choice appeared to be for Buddy to get his chance either in August or October, possibly in Chicago.

Meantime, Buddy and his manager, Ancil Hoffman, were granted a hearing by the District of Columbia Boxing Commission, on their claim on Joe's crown. This was to have been held Sunday, but the three members of the commission couldn't get together, so they put it off until Monday. At that time, they'll also hear from the official timekeeper, Billy Dechard, who said immediately after the tussle in Griffith stadium that the blow with which Louis finished the fight was struck "nearly three seconds" after the bell sounded ending the sixth round.

BLOW CALLED FOUL

It was on this particular incident, which brought a confusing windup to the show, that Baer and Hoffman based their claims. They maintained the blow, which dropped Buddy for the third time, came after the bell, and thus was foul. Hoffman refused to permit Baer to come out for the seventh round, and for some reason or other Arthur Donovan, the specially-imported referee, ruled this disqualified the 237-pound giant from California.

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Boy, that's sugar-coating the garbage. It requires, however, no great strain on the olfactory organ to detect the original odor of the package Jacobs is serving up as a title fight. Especially if you're downwind. Joe Louis will be taking his title into the ring, but he won't be exposing it too much.

Louis has punched out victories over 16 challengers, and Baer, even viewed from a head-stand, is simply No. 17 on Louis' hit parade. Buddy Boy qualified handsomely for this title fight with a stirring 1941 record of battling. Baer tore out of his corner against one Eddie Blunt last January and ran smack into a ten-round licking. He won his only other fight this year when, in Washington last month, Tony Galento decided to quit at the end of six rounds, an idea that Buddy Boy, himself, narrowly abandoned when Fat Tony fetched him a few solid licks on the chops in round one.

And so, Jacobs labeled a Louis-Baer bout a natural for Washington where the folks had recently paid $13,000 to watch a Billy Conn-Dan Hassett fandango. If Washington fans had that sort of money to spend for that sort of a fight, nothing was too good for Washington fans, even such a sterling battle as Louis vs. Baer for the heavyweight championship of the world at 15 rounds, or less.

Jacobs has had his men in Washington for three weeks whipping up the combat, and the stuff that has emanated from his agents at the respective camps of Baer and Louis has caught up with and overpowered the original odor of the match with a vile essence of its own. All of the old gags of title fight publicity have been reintroduced and embellished with a few fresh stunts that have been equally as insulting to the credulity of the customers.

In the time-honored tradition of promoters who have a challenger to build up, Jacobs' agents here have been busily occupied in besmirching the champion. In well-feigned horror they were the first to scream that Louis had been dumped on his royal haunches by Joe Corilli, an obscure sparring partner, with a left-hand punch to the chin that was none too potent. Sparring partners have been knocking champions down for years in every well-run fight camp, but somehow no sparring partner ever knocks down a challenger.

To Louis' credit, he hasn't lent himself to any of the cheap ballyhoo, and has been refusing to play the game of Jacobs' press agents. To the genuine horror of the camp's publicity men, Louis dismissed the knock-down as a slip on the wet surface of the ring and said he wasn't hurt. It hasn't pleased the press agents, either, when Louis says he doesn't figure on the fight lasting too long.

There has been guff about Baer spies in the Louis camp, and it has been hinted broadly that Baer himself, disguised in overalls and a clean shirt, has been peeking in on Louis' workouts. Of course, the 240-pound, six-foot-six-inch Baer is as unobstrusive as a fire truck, and he'd never be noticed if he tried to inch into Riverside Arena casual like.

Latest stunt from Olney is that they're feeding Buddy Boy a pound of raw meat for lunch every day on the theory that it will whip up a primitive urge in the fellow who has been exceedingly dove-like in most of his fights. That's an old gag that isn't at all meaty, just raw.

Until there were orders from the higher-ups to shush-shush another gag, Buddy Boy's people were making much of the vengeance that is supposed to beat in his heart against Louis, who knocked out his brother Maxie in four rounds. Somebody suddenly decided, with great logic, not to bear down too hard on the Brother Maxie angle and that the farther Max was kept from the picture perhaps the better.

Buddy's mother, to hear his press agents tell it, persuaded him to be a fighter and made him quit playing football. He'd have only one man to lick in the prize ring, not 11, she pointed out. But somebody seems to have made a bad match for him.

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To Be Asked To Clear Up Four Points

Louis-Baer Referee Will Face Boxing Commissioners at 9 o'Clock Hearing

By Al Hailey

Referee Arthur Donovan, whose disqualification of Buddy Baer in Friday night's Joe Louis-Baer heavyweight title fight has precipitated a storm of protest, has been recalled to Washington to testify before the District Boxing Commission.

In a completely unexpected move, the Commission called Donovan by telephone in New York and asked him to papear tomorrow tc answer questions concerning his handling of the scheduled 15-round fight and to testify on charges he favored Louis. The move followed a morning hearing on the protests of Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager.

Donovan accepted the "invitation" and set his own hour for the hearing—tomorrow at 9 a. m. He informed Commissioner Thomas P. Morgan, jr., he had some important affairs to attend to in New York and would have to leave Washington early.

List Four Points

The commissioners listed four points they want Donovan to explain before they act on the demand by Hoffman that Louis' title be conferred upon Baer:

1. Did you stop the action in the first round when you heard the bell or did Baer voluntarily stop fighting after Louis had been knocked down?

2. Did Louis hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round?

3. Did you ask of Pat O'Connor, one of the timekeepers, to hold his watch that you were going to inform Ancil Hoffman that you would give him a minute's rest after the foul blow? Did you inform Hoffman of your intentions? And if so, did Hoffman refuse to leave the hing after your instructions to him?

4. Could you have counted Baer out in the sixth round after he had gone down the second time?

"We also want to get straight on the appearance of Louis' secretary in the ring the third time Louis knocked down Baer," Commission Chairman Claude W. Owen said. "He had no second's license and his presence was just as much ground for disqualification of Louis as the presence of Baer's handlers, which led Donovan to disqualify Baer."

Judges Testify

Donovan will be closely pressed as to why hethought he heard the ending the sixth round just as Louis threw the controversial punch four other fight officials said came after the bell.

At yesterday morning's hearing, judges and timekeepers who worked thte championship battle in the ball park, testified they heard the bell a good two or three seconds before Louis crashed Buddy to the canvas. Those testifying included Judges H. C. Trigg, colored physician, and Jimmy Sullivan and Timekeepers Billy DeChard and Charley Reynolds. Reynolds counted for knockdowns.

Hoffman read a lengthy document to the commission accusing Donovan of 11 sins in handling the fight and for disqualifying Buddy at the start of the seventh because he Hoffman refused to leave the ring.

Hoffman's protest laid great stress upon the presence of Freddy Guinyard, Louis' colored secretary, in midring when Baer was falling to the canvas for the third time. Only Commissioners Owen and Morgan were at the meeting. It was after a special session later with Maj. Ernest W. Brown that they summned Donovan. The commission previously had indicated it would support Donovan's decision.

The 11-point protest from Hoffman involved these points:

My purpose here this morning is to claim the heavyweight championship of the world for Buddy Baer. I have many grounds on which to lay claim to the title.

1. Why was Louis' secretary, Mr. Guinyer, in our way in our corner making it almost impossible for my men to get in and out of the ring to work on Baer?

2. How do you account for Donovan stopping the fight in the first round when Joe was in a bad way until Louis recovered? After Joe had recovered, Donovan waved both of the fighters back int oaction.

3. Why did Donovan hold Buddy over on one side of the ring after Louis was knocked out of the ring and did not attempt to count over the champion? Also, did you know there was a colored gentleman with a gong which he us to the advantage of Joe Louis when was dazed after the knockdown through the ropes in the first round.

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5. Why do your rules allow a referee to disqualify the man that was fouled instead of the man who does the fouling?

6. Who is responsible for Arthur Donovan being named referee? Why was I not consulted? Could you have had the fight if your commission didn't agree to an outside referee? (Morgan said he was responsible.—Editor's note.)

7. Is it only on account of your rules that you cannot name Buddy Baer champion of the world on account of the foul? And would you name him champion of the N. B. A. if you knew Donovan was brought in here to protect the champion and you had rules that would give you the power to do so?

8. If I close for a return match with Louis in Washington will you allow me to bring in my own referee for the match.

9. If you will not give me the title, will you make a statement to the press that you commissioners are entirely satisfied with Buddy Baer's showing?

10. Will you issue a statement that Buddy was hit when he was going to his corner at least three seconds after the bell sounded ending the sixth round? I understand a radio announcer told the audience he was hit at the bell and not after.

11. If a return match is being considered and there is talk of the referee, I want to go on record now as saying that I believe Donovan to be one of the best referees in the game. He knows his business, but unfortunately he has never been at least 50 per cent right in any of the fights the Baer boys have engaged in. I, as manager of Max and Buddy Baer, have always thought Donovan was against us. Why, I don't know. Don't you think in all fairness to Buddy he should have had the advantage of a little time to recuperate after the foul punch?

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On The Score Board

Some Thoughts About Joe Louis

By Lester Rodney

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Joe Louis became champion in June, 1937, when he knocked out Jimmy Braddock in Chicago with one of the cleanest and hardest right hand shots to the chin you might ever see. Joe was 22 then, the youngest heavyweight titleholder in the history of the ring. That night the people of Harlem poured out on the streets to celebrate the winning of the championship by the young Negro from off the Ford assembly line via a cotton plantation in Alabama. Henry Armstrong won three titles to break all fistic tradition and there never was such a celebration for him. For somehow it's the heavyweight championship that means the most, that symbolizes the superiority over all other fighting men, regardless of weight divisions or roped squares. It was a few months after Louis won the championship that a 19-year-old Negro boy, just before being lynched somewhere in the deep South, called out frantically, "Joe Louis, save me!"

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Joe's rise to the title had appeared what they call "meteoric" to the sports writers. But one day in Detroit Joe's mother told me of the endless nights of serious application he had put in after a day's work at the Ford plant. Always learning. He's still learning. Among the many things said about Louis in the early days of his emergence to fame was the familiar old Jim Crow rot about his being lazy—doing nothing but eat and sleep, etc. Joe Louis' mother smiled that day talking about her son, and asked softly:

"Now how can anyone be lazy and get to be the best in the world at what he starts out to do?"

She might amend that today to "best the world has ever seen at what he started out to do." For since that Chicago June night her son has broken through all heavyweight traditions by defending his title thirteen times, meeting all comers, saying in effect, "I'm a champion and if anyone thinks he can beat me I'll give him a chance to become champion." No phony "non-title" bouts.

Before he knocked out Braddock he had given every sign of becoming champion some day. He had come into New York and chopped down the mammoth Primo Carnera with scientific certainty—he had taken the pole-axe right of ex-champ Max Baer and deposited that iron-jawed individual on the canvas for keeps . . . first time anybody had ever done that little thing to Maxie . . . he had felt his way for five rounds against the human crabshell, Paulino Uzcudun, and then with one perfect shot of lightning through a momentary opening had blasted that never before KO'd fighter out cold.

A little while before Joe got his chance for the title from Braddock, there apepared that frantic little bit of literature by John B. Kennedy warning the nation that "Joe Louis Must Never Be Champion." Why? It would be bad for the general morale of the country. **(Mr. Kennedy is now doing his screaming on behalf of the current "war for democracy."**

Louis lost one fight in his whole professional career before winning the championship. That was to Max Schmeling. Joe was twenty years old then, had been made something like a 20-1 favorite, and around the fourth round was clipped with a terrific right to the chin. He got up and continued fighting till the 12th in a semi-daze, taking all that Schmeling hit him with until succumbing in the twelfth. One year after winning the title he met Schmeling again and knocked him out in two minutes and 11 seconds of the first round before 90,000 fans at the Yankee Stadium. Nobody else has ever beaten Louis. He's been improving every year and even the Jim Crow sportswriters have taken their venum under cover, though some of the eager and wishful **"Joe's slipping!"** stories that appear every time he doesn't knock his man out in sixty seconds still reflect the wishful thinking of the newspapers that condone lynching and segregation almost one hundred years after the Civil War.

Joe's first title defense was against Tommy Farr in September, 1937. Farr managed to last the distance while losing 13 of the 15 rounds and became famous. In pretty rapid succession came Nathan Mann, three-round kayo; Harry Thomas, five rounds; Schmeling, Lewis and Roper one apiece; Tony Galento, four; Bob Pastor, 11; Arturo Godoy by decision and by going into a canvas-hugging crawl; Johnny Paychek, two rounds; Arturo Godoy, eight-round kayo second time around and Al McCoy six rounds.

This is written before the Burman fight. Unless Joe belted out his opponent in a hurry you'll see some Jim Crow overtures in several of the newspaper accounts. But their small-souled snarling will never so much as slightly besmudge the record of this greatest of all American champions, a true champion of the people.

EXPECT 15,000 TO SEE 15 ROUND BOUT IN GARDEN

Tribune Chicago

Champion Made 3 to 1 Betting Favorite.

JAN 31 1941

New York, Jan. 30 (AP).—Red Burman's two-year bid for a chance at Joe Louis' heavyweight championship will be made in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

The Baltimore fighter ranked among the first five heavyweights, meets Joe in a fight scheduled for 15 rounds, but the consensus is Red will be sorry he ever got the idea.

13th Title Defense.

Off his record, Burman ranks as the most workmanlike boxer to test Joe in a couple of years. Yet, Promoter Mike Jacobs and Louis' mana-

Red Burman.

Joe Louis.

gers are taking Burman so lightly they've already lined up matches for Joe against Gus Dorazio in Philadelphia next month, Abe Simon in Detroit in March and Arturo Godoy in Los Angeles in April.

It will be the 13th title defense in Louis' record-breaking run as champion and his second in the fight-a-month campaign Promoter Jacobs lined up for him this winter and spring. He stopped Al McCoy in five rounds in Boston last month.

As usual, the lure of Louis' punching dynamite promises to make the fight a financial success. Jacobs expects more than 15,000 customers and hopes to count a gross gate of $60,000 or over.

Red's Style Unusual.

In spite of the odds against him—the bookmakers will lay three to one he isn't around for the 10th round—Burman is more confident than most of the fellows who have sampled Louis' punches. Red has been in hard training for more than 10 weeks, and plans to meet Joe with a solid hook to the body and an overhand right to the head. He borrowed the former from Jack Dempsey, who has been his sponsor for several years, and the latter from Max Schmeling, who flattened Louis with the same punch.

Against the champion, Burman brings an unusual style which baffles Louis until he has time to figure it out. Godoy did this last year, and went 15 rounds with Joe.

Right Smash Over Heart Ends Battle In New York

Game Challenger Is Given Great Ovation By 15,000 as He Is Dragged to Corner

FEB 1 1941

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Sports Writer.

New York, Jan. 31.—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis ended the gallant attempt of Clarence (Red) Burman, of Baltimore, to dethrone him tonight by knocking out the challenger in the fifth round before 15,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.

Louis achieved his thirteenth successful title defense when Referee Frankie Fullam counted out the red-haired Maryland Irishman at 2:49 of the fifth round, after the blood-smeared challenger had wilted to the floor from a hard right smash to the stomach. As Burman fell Louis gave him the coup de grace with a left hook to the head.

Crowd Cheers Fallen Warrior

When Burman's handlers dragged him to the corner, the crowd gave him a thundering ovation because he had made one of the most determined efforts of any of the parade of Louis challengers.

Burman, disciple of Jack Dempsey, had the heart of a champion tonight, but not the equipment. That was evident in the first round, when the heavier, taller and rangier Brown Bomber landed the more damaging punches, although Burman forced the fighting.

Burman's knockout trip to the deck was the lone knockdown of the abbreviated bout which was scheduled for 15 rounds. However, in the third session—the only one that Red won—Louis slipped in Burman's corner, after missing a punch, and sprawled to the canvas half through the ropes.

Champion Joe looked much better tonight than he did on December 16 at oBston when he kayoed Al McCoy. He was punching more accurately and seemed surer of himself.

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Red Lacked the Punch

Burman used the Dempsey bob-and-weave tonight, while the old Manassa Mauler looked on from a ringside seat. But though Burman had Dempsey's technique, he lacked the Mauler's dynamite when he landed.

At the opening of every round Burman tore after Louis—boring into the taller champion from his crouch. Bomber Joe seemed unimpressed by Burman's blows to the body, but at times when Red landed hooks to Joe's head, the champion was a bit flustered.

Burman fought desperately in the fourth but Louis won the session by a slight margin after subjecting the oncoming challenger to severe punishment.

Red kept after the champion in the fifth, but was rocked repeatedly with hooks and uppercuts to the face. As they went into the ropes, Louis smashed Red with a hard right to the belly. Red wilted and got the final left hook on the chin as he went down. He fell half through the ropes, with the lower strand supporting his body as his knees rested on the canvas on one side and his face and arms on the canvas on the other side.

Louis had a weight advantage of 14½ pounds, scaling 202½ to Burman's 188. This was the heaviest the Bomber has weighed for a title defense.

Joe's Hardest Blow

In the dressing room, Louis praised the challenger for his game bid. He said: "Burman's the first man I fought since Galento who really went after me. I guess that knockout punch was the hardest body blow I ever threw. I pulled him into it. It's the first time I ever knocked anybody out with a body punch."

Joe said he suffered the gash below his eye when butted, coming into a clinch.

Burman explained: "He never really hurt me until whatever happened in that fifth round. I ran him all over the ring, didn't I? Give me a few more fights and then a return with Louis and I'll be champion. This was the first good fight I've had in two years, and you can't get into shape fighting bums. Why don't they give me a crack at Billy Conn, now?"

Results of Preliminaries

Tony Mango, 159¼, New York, stopped Al Maggi, 160, New York (third).

Vinnie Rossano, 144¼, New York, outpointed Meyer Seiger, 148, New York (4).

John Kapovich, 180¾, Baltimore, stopped Jimmy Boyle, 180½, New York, in second of a four rounder.

Norman Rubio, 143, Albany, N. Y., outpointed Aaron Smith, 147½, Los Angeles (6).

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Louis Largest Individual Taxpayer In Sports World

Champ Doesn't Pick Opponents, He Fights Them

MAR 1 1941

NEW YORK—Back in New York, resting in his suite at the Hotel Theresa, after a successful bombing raid, in Philadelphia, on one Gus Dorazio, "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis contemplated with characteristic calm the prospects of having to turn all the money he makes on other fights this year over to Uncle Sam in the form of taxes.

Joe is today the largest individual taxpayer in sport; and each fight pushes his income to the point of diminishing returns as far as his own spending change is concerned. Joe, it is reported, is the first heavyweight champion who has been faced with the problem of arranging his work so as to earn as much for himself as he does for the man with the whiskers.

The interesting thing about all this is that Louis rather likes the idea of fighting frequently and being able to return to Uncle Sam his tax on what the man with the whiskers has permitted him to earn.

FIGHTING HIS BUSINESS

Joe says that fighting is his business and collecting taxes on what he and other Americans earn is certainly part of Uncle Sam's business, and that, furthermore, a guy ought to be darn glad he is in a position to be taxed by Uncle.

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There is a good chance that the heavyweight champion may soon go to work in Uncle's Army at $21 a month—a stipend considerably less than Joseph has become accustomed to in recent years. But, does he object? He most certainly does not. Young Mr. Louis thinks a man ought to be happy to do his stint in the service of his country.

DON'T PICK COMPANY

Certain quarters are saying that Louis' handlers are cheapening the heavyweight title by putting Joe on exhibition too often, going so far as to refer to his activities as "the Bum-of-the-Month Program," what with men like Red Burman and Gus Dorazio being set before the champion at frequent intervals.

The obvious retort proper to this is that Joe and his handlers don't decide who is available to fight the champion, nor are they responsible for the quality of challengers for the title. Their business is to meet whosoever will come and offer to do battle for the crown, bar none, dodge none.

At any rate, no one can say that Joe is a prima dona champion, holding himself aloof and treating his crown like a museum piece, fretful of performing before the public which both gives and takes away crown and champion.

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Nothing so sharply, and yet so casually, reveals the true stature of Joe Louis than his "Well, it's just another lucky night, I guess," spoken over the radio at the end of his fights. For in this softly spoken sentence one senses both shrewdness and modesty and a fitting recognition of the qualities of his opponents.

One feels, in talking to Joe Louis, that he deserves to wear the heavyweight crown on his head because in the words of Glearkus, he wears the tiara so well on his heart.

Present fight prospects for the champion are that after taking on Abraham Simon in Detroit next month, he will lay off until he fights Billy Conn in June, and lay off again until he meets Lou Nova in September.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Listless Louis Lackadaisical In Sport Joust

Handlers Unperturbed; Conn Works Hard, Appears Ready.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., June 13. — (UP) — The fear that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis might have reached his "peak" too quickly appeared to be borne out today by a listless workout in preparation for his title defense against Billy Conn next Wednesday night.

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Trainer Jack Blackburn has been urging Louis to take things slowly from now on to prevent going stale before the fight. He appeared to have reached his "peak" early this week and was razor sharp as early as Tuesday.

Louis worked four dull rounds with his four sparmates today. John Roxborough, one of his co-managers, refused to be alarmed, however, saying, "Joe's already at his peak and from now on he'll merely coast along. There's nothing for us to worry about as Conn will find out soon enough."

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Decision in Louis-Buddy Baer Bout Upheld by District Boxing Board

Return Match in Washington for October Is Assured, Commissioners Say—Donovan, Who Fails to Appear, Not to Referee

By The U[illegible]

WASHINGTON, May 28—The District of Columbia Boxing Commission decided today it couldn't give Buddy Baer the heavyweight crown, but it did the next best thing—obtained assurances that Buddy will get a return crack at Champion Joe Louis here the first week in October.

Arthur Donovan positively will not referee the encore, the commission announced. Chairman Claude W. Owen said he didn't care to have a repetition of last Friday night's mix-up when Donovan disqualified Baer because his handlers refused to leave the ring for the start of the seventh round.

Donovan was supposed to have appeared before the three-man board today to answer certain questions about the fight. But at the last minute, a sudden fog grounded his plane in New York and he failed to show up. Nor did he communicate with the commission, which sought to reach him by telephone to get his story.

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Waits for an Hour

Considerably miffed, the commission decided, after waiting for an hour, that it would go ahead without Donovan. It went into executive session.

In two minutes it reached its decision that Louis is still champion.

It decided thus by unanimously sustaining Donovan's disqualification decision against Baer and rejecting Buddy's claim to the title on the ground that Louis struck him a staggering blow after the bell ended the sixth round.

The alleged foul blow was the chief argument in the eleven-point complaint presented to the commission Monday by Baer's manager, Ancil Hoffman. The two fight judges and the two timekeepers testified then that the controversial blow was struck two to five seconds after the bell.

Version of the Referee

Donovan maintained that the blow was delivered at the bell, not afterward. He said he had warned Hoffman to leave the ring at the start of the seventh round and that when Hoffman refused he had no alternative but to disqualify Baer.

That was the decision which the commission unanimously sustained. A commission rule states that a referee's decision, once given, cannot be changed.

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Owen said on Monday that the rule "seems to tie our hands." He and Commissioner Thomas P. Morgan Jr. also said then that they, too, thought the controversial blow was struck after the bell and that they were not satisfied with Donovan's refereeing performance.

Owen announced he had been in communication with Promoter Mike Jacobs of New York and that Jacobs definitely assured him a return Louis-Baer bout would be held at Griffith Stadium the first week in October.

"And you may say," Owen added, "that Donovan very definitely will not referee that fight. A Washington man will."

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Ala.

Baer Doomed, Says Martin, When He Cut Bomber's Eye

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

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NEW YORK, May 27—(The Special News Service)—This correspondent was no closer to the Buddy Baer-Joe Louis fight than he is to understanding the Einstein theory, and consequently is in a position to comment authoritatively, as his mind isn't cluttered up with memories of what he saw and heard.

Comment on his impressions, that is, and one impression stands out like a torch in a cavern. That is this:

Joe Louis fights just as hard as he thinks necessary to win.

You could almost follow the thought waves as they buzzed through his kinky head. In the first round, when he was knocked through the ropes, Joe did not seem unduly alarmed. It was as if he were saying to himself:

"This man is dangerous. I'll just take my time and cut him down without taking unnecessary chances."

In the fifth, when his eye was cut, it changed the course of battle completely. As soon as the Bomber became aware of the blood, it not only stabbed his pride, but revised his plans. It was as if he were saying to himself:

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"Well, well, this is something else. A cut might be opened wider, and although I may not be hurt they might stop the fight and I'd lose the title. Well, here goes."

Certain it is that as soon as Louis suffered the laceration, Baer was doomed. From that time on Buddy was just a bag of sand to be cuffed at will.

Pictures of the sixth-round knockdowns bear out the theory that Louis was changed from a methodical workman to an aroused killer by the sight of his own blood and realization that the fight might be stopped. We've seen a score of pictures of Louis after he had floored a man. Always they showed a dead-panned, unemotional robot turning toward a neutral corner.

The Baer pictures showed the Bomber, lips curled in a savage snarl, standing glaring at his fallen foe, muscles tense, his whole attitude one of unbounded fury.

In his other fights you felt he always believed he had everything under control, could afford to let his man ride along. The cut changed everything. It took the sight of his own blood to bring out the real greatness of the man as a fighter.

He may not punch as powerfully as he once did. We wouldn't know, and 245 pounds of bone and muscle can absorb terrific blows without going down. Nobody else had knocked Buddy down. And it seems that Dempsey hit Willard a few times, from all directions, and never did stretch him out unconscious.

We wouldn't enter into the controversy over the knockdown which is generally agreed to have been scored after the bell. But we do recall that Louis was the victim of similar blows at least three times—against Godoy, Schmeling and Buddy's own brother, Max—and that Joe's handlers on those occasions made no effort to claim victory on the technicality.

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Buddy is a fine young fellow. He showed a heart as big as his massive fists. He fought courageously and to the best of his ability.

But he was thoroughly licked, and there is no reason to suspect that it wouldn't happen again if they met. If anyone actually believed Baer would win the next time, he'd make an even-money bet, and somehow we can't picture anyone doing that.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Champion Lost His Balance

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When Jack Blackburn returned home from Washington Saturday afternoon, he motored to visit relatives in Indianapolis in an effort to escape reporters who would beseige him with questions on the Louis-Baer fight.

The Chicago Defender cornered Blackburn Monday morning. Blackburn claims that Buddy Baer did nit knock Louis through the ropes in the first round of the fight in Washington last Friday night.

Blackburn, who has trained Louis for all his defense fights, says that Louis jabbed Baer with a left and Baer came in and clinched using his 234 pounds to "push" Louis back against the ropes and the champion lost his balance and fell backward and out of the ring.

Blackburn also said that Baer was severely punished in the sixth round and when he went down for the second time he had one gloved hand on the floor at the count of "ten" and was rising. When Louis hit him, Blackburn contends, it was not after the bell.

"You know when a blow is once started you can't pull it back," Blackburn stated. "The truth is the bell was under the ring and wasn't very loud. The crowd was shouting and I was shouting too. I kept yelling to Joe, 'Come on and finish him.' The boxing commission stopped me. Anyone who has been at a fight knows it takes a second or two for the sound of the bell to die out after it is hit. The champion's blow connected with Baer as the bell sounded."

Louis really won the fight on a foul, according to Blackburn. The trainer is right. When a second or manager refuses to leave the ring for the coming round, that man has committed a foul.

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Blackburn believes Ancil Hoffman is shouting at the top of his voice claiming a foul for no other reason than to get another chance for Baer to meet Louis. "There isn't any money Baer can make fighting white heavyweights," Blackburn said. "He can make some dough if he can get in the ring again against Louis."

Time
Chicago, Illinois

Baby Baer

In Washington's Griffith Stadium one night last week 25,000 fight fans yelled themselves limp. It was the first round of Washington's first world championship heavyweight fight, and there, hanging over the ropes head first, was Joe Louis, the champ. The boxer who had dumped him on to the ring apron was 25-year-old Buddy Baer, baby brother of onetime

Associated Press

BUDDY BAER (*up*), JOE LOUIS (*down*)
Hash and rehash for years to come.

Champion Max Baer. Baby Baer, a 237-lb. giant who towers 6 ft. 6½ in., is 35 lb. heavier and 5½ inches taller than Joe Louis. But he went into the ring a 10-to-1 underdog.

To see a 10-to-1 underdog belt a champion through the ropes is well worth the price of admission. Those who saw Firpo knock Dempsey out of the ring 18 years ago have never forgotten it. Last week, stung with embarrassment at landing on his kinky head, the champ[illegible] up at the count of four, came back—a little groggy at first—to blast the young upstart with all he had. In the second round, he gave Baer one of the most terrific poundings ever seen in a prize ring. Baby Baer took it—and in the fifth round brought the crowd to its feet again when he opened a gash over Louis' left eye.

With blood streaming down his cheek for the first time in his career, the champion went after Baer with the savageness for which he is famed. In the sixth round he weakened the giant with chopping rights & lefts, then felled him as though he were a redwood tree. At the count of seven, Baer staggered to his feet, only to be toppled again with another right to the jaw. Just as the timekeeper counted ten, Baer's gloves slowly left the canvas. Referee Arthur Donovan motioned the fighters to continue. Once more, Baer toppled to the floor—out.

What happened in the pandemonium that followed will be hashed and rehashed for years to come. Many ringsiders claimed that Louis' final punch landed just after the bell. Baer's handlers, swarming all over the ring, demanded that Referee Donovan disqualify Louis. Instead, when the bell rang for the beginning of the seventh round and Baer's handlers refused to clear out or let their boy leave his corner (even if he could), Donovan disqualified Baer, awarded the fight to Louis.

Explained Referee Donovan: "Joe Louis hit Buddy Baer *at* the bell—and not afterward. . . . Suppose—as some claim, but with whom I absolutely do not agree—that Louis hit Baer after the bell. In that case, it would have been a matter for my own discretion. If I thought Louis did it deliberately [which no one, not even Baer's hot-headed manager, alleged], then I would have had to disqualify him. . . . If there was no deliberate intent, the most I could have done in such a case would have been to take the round away from Louis as a warning. . . ."

Said Promoter Mike Jacobs, seeing the golden lining in the cloud of dispute: "All I can say is that anybody who stays away from a Louis fight this year is crazy. Anything can happen."

Louis' next opponents: Billy Conn (June 18), Abe Simon (July 23), Lou Nova (Sept. 17). Then the Baby Baer will probably get another chance at the champion.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

10-Year-Old Harlem Girl Prize Winner

By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

NEW YORK CITY — Joyce Michael, 10-year-old daughter of a New York postoffice clerk, was bit undecided Monday evening what she would do with her cash and could only say for sure that some part of the prize money which she won on the radio in the Colgate "Spotlight" amateur series would go for voice culture.

"Down at the studio," she explained, "they told me that I sing rather nicely. They were particularly carried away with that number, "O Look at Me now," which won me the prize. But I know my limitations and am not going to let flattery go to my head. Some day, perhaps, I'll be a second Marian Anderson. That's my hope. But I know this entails a lot of self-denial, a lot of patience and a lot of practice. You can bet that the bulk of this money is going for voice culture."

BRIGHT STUDENT

Joyce, according to her teachers, is one of the brightest pupils at P.S. 113, where she is now in the upper fifth grade. She is next to the 12-year-old Dolores in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Michael, of 272 Manhattan Avenue. Claudette and Colbert are younger sisters, and there is also a week-old baby brother, Clifford, Jr.

As Joyce aptly puts it, "The family is quite numerous for such a populated community as Harlem. But, anyway, it provides one with a big and noisy cheering section."

Joyce was among 1,200 individuals, mostly all grown-ups, who entered the auditions of the Colgate company for its series of four weekly talent discovery programs. Four separate groups were tested and each program was based on the four most talented from each group.

$250 SO FAR

Each of the sixteen contestants thus selected was the recipient of a $50 automatic award. After each program, the audience was asked to write to the studio and name the winner. Joyce was in group four, and, as you have probably suspected already, she received more postcards, letters and telegrams than any of the other three contestants.

This brought her an additional award of $200 and moved her into the grand finals, which were aired last Thursday night, with the winners of the four groups competing against each other.

They have not yet determined the winner of the grand final. But, as Joyce herself might have said, thus far she has "done all right by herself."

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Baer's Claim To Louis Title Is Rejected

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Buddy Baer's claim to the world heavyweight title, on the contention he was fouled by Champion Joe Louis in their bout here last Friday, was rejected today by the District of Columbia Boxing Commission.

The commission upheld Referee Arthur Donovan's action in declaring Baer the loser by disqualification.

Chairman Claude Owen announced that Promoter Mike Jacobs had agreed to match Baer and Louis in a return title bout here the first week in October.

Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Joe Louis, the Champion

Next Wednesday night Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will climb into the ring at the Polo Grounds to defend his title against Challenger Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh. We are pulling for the Bomber to retain his belt.

While we hope Joe wins we don't advocate the use of unfair means as an instrument for the accomplishment of a victory. And by the same token, we are just as opposed to the employment of foul means to effect Joe's defeat.

Some persons, including Jack Dempsey, who wrote in an article in a weekly magazine that there is talk of a fixed fight, seems to think the coming contest is "In the Bag." Frankly, we don't believe it. Both Messrs. Roxborough and Black, Louis' managers, are widely known as sportsmen, and clean sportsmen at that. Their conduct of Louis' career up to this point has proved that point. It is silly to believe they would be so stupid as to jeopardize such a brilliant history in indulging in a shady deal.

We merely call attention to these rumors because we hear them on many sides. Meanwhile, we'd like to tell Joe that such talk makes it necessary for him to consider his task more seriously and not to permit overconfidence to interfere with his training schedule. He has a tremendous amount to gain by defeating Conn, but he has everything to lose. Louis has covered the most rugged part of his fistic life, and now, as he enters the autumn of his career, he would be foolish to mar such a glorious record.

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Louis Co-Pilot Against Simon Return Match

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He 'Fears' Joe Will Chop Abe Down In 'Par' And Hurt Conn Gate In June

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BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK — (AP) — Along the grapevine comes a report all is not flowers and soft music in Joe Louis' happy fight family at the moment, all because of Abe Simon.

When the one-eighth-of-a-ton stood off Joe for 13 rounds in Detroit last Friday, Promoter Mike Jacobs immediately rematched them for Madison Square Garden in May. Now you hear that one of Joe's managers (name withheld on request from source) is hemming and hawing about the match.

The reason—and if this doesn't slay you, try a gun—is that this particular pilot is "afeared" Joe will chop "our Abe" down in a couple of minutes the next time, thereby affecting the gate for the bomber's tea party with Billy Conn in June. The way the co-manager figures it out, last Friday's fuss made it look like Conn has a better than fair chance of beating Joe. But if Louis lays Abe low in par the next time, lots of the cash customers may forget all about the Detroit embarrassment and decide to stay away from the Conn bout for fear of what may happen to Billy boy.

However, Joe's other manager and Joe himself want Simon again. Joe never likes to "look bad" against any fighter, and he certainly was no "oomph" guy in there the other night. So he wants another crack at Jimmy Johnston's gladiator—and will have it. For, no matter what they say, Joe is grown up now and as smart as the next fellow—and his managers know it.

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DON'T GET OLD JIM BRADDOCK WRONG about this "comeback" try. The Conderella man, still one of the grandest guys the nose-flattening industry ever has boasted, knows he's no young colt any more. But, the heavyweight situation being what it is, he figures there's no reason why he shouldn't try for some of that loose cabbage. So he starts an exhibition boxing tour of one-night stands throughout Dixie this week, with Red Burman as party of the second part. If he can whip himself into satisfactory shape he's going to go around challenging all the ranking heavies—but to four-round bouts only.

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SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS were a trifle mystified, to say the least, when James Joy Johnston went around shrieking the other night that his Abe Simon is the "best Jewish heavyweight since Mendoza." But Jimmy knew his stuff this time. Mendoza was a Spanish-Jewish walloper who migrated to England and won the championship there in the 1700's.

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THE WAY FRITZIE ZIVIC, the welterweight champ, is lining up matches, the union of beak bashers soon will be calling him up for breaking work-hour rules.

So far, fearless Fritzie has scheduled get-togethers April 4 with Dick Demaray in Minneapolis, April 18 with Mike Kaplan in Boston, April 25 with Tony Martelliano in New York's Coliseum and May 5 with Baby Arizmendi in Los Angeles.

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Then there's a Zivic-Phil Furr fuss for which the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission insists it holds signed contracts, but about which no one else seems to know much. Oh, well, maybe Fritzie will be charging time-and-a-half for overtime for his services in that lineup.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

Wonder If Champ Is Slipping

MAR 29 1941

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By JOHN CAUTION

Right on the heels of Joe Louis' fifteenth successful defense of his world title comes the news that the National Boxing Association has failed to list any heavyweight as the most logical contender for the title.

Jack Blackburn

Billy Conn, scheduled to meet Joe Louis in New York in June, is rated by N.B.A. as an outstanding heavyweight and placed alongside of Maxie Baer and Lou Nova.

In the meantime, Louis, who will start training for his bout with Tony Musto in St. Louis next month, will give Abe Simon, the man who stayed 13 long rounds with the champion thus upsetting all predictions made before the fight in Detroit last Friday night, a return match. Mike Jacobs has signed the Brown Bomber to meet Brooklyn's gamest as well as most ponderous citizen on Friday, May 16.

However, there are those who spend much time in the barbershops and the taverns who are puzzled as to why Louis was not able to stop the "big palooka" as Simon was tabbed by the fight fans long before the scrap. No follower of the ring game could understand how the man who couldn't get by big Jim Thompson on February 3 in Baltimore and dropped a 10-round decision, could stand up under the so-called murderous assault which Louis is supposed to carry in each mitt.

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These same barbershop and tavern followers are free to admit that Simon in staying the limit showed more than gameness. They also admit, and so do those who went to Detroit to see the champion throw his title on the line, that Simon took one of the darndest shellackings of any heavyweight in recent times.

Simon was down four times knocked out of the ring once, knocked about the ring and finally when Simon was on the verge of a collapse the referee halted the bout thus giving Louis a technical knockout in ring history.

Simon, the 254-pound giant, who stood 6 feet, 4 inches in height, has a game heart. His next bout with Louis will draw twice the gate in New York on May 16 as did the fight with Louis in Detroit. And since Simon has a family to support he will gladly accept the return match.

On the other hand, shrewd Jack Blackburn, trainer of Louis, reports that Louis came out of the battle in great shape. Blackburn believes the second bout with Simon will be one of far shorter duration than the one Friday night.

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Associated Press Staff Writer

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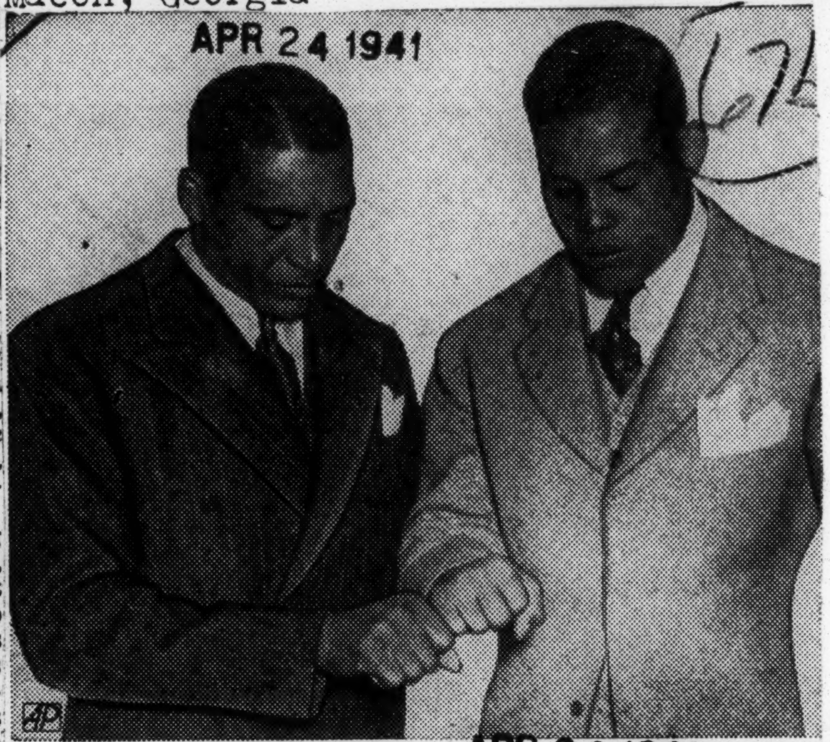

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Another Champ in the Family

JACK (BUDDY) WALKER left, Ohio's heavyweight champion, measures his fist with his cousin, Joe Louis, champion of the world. Walker's father is the brother of Louis's mother. Champ Louis plans to retire this fall, it is said.

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Louis Plans To Retire In September

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Conn And Nova Offer Stiffest Opposition In Recent Campaigns

BY FRED TURBYVILLE

Joe Louis, the world's heavyweight champion, has confided to close friends that he would like to retire undefeated in the Fall. Billy Conn and Lou Nova have different ideas on that subject. Louis faces the stiffest competition he has had in recent campaigns. Conn is more determined than any battler Louis has faced since he became champion.

The very same thing might be said for Nova.

Neither of these lads may ever reach the title, but neither is a third rater, or member of the "Bum a Month" Club.

Conn and Nova are on the way up. Their best fights are ahead of them, not behind them.

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But in the past year Conn and Nova have grown to serious proportions.

And in the past year it is reasonable to argue that the champ has lost just a little more of his edge.

A lot of fans will pull for him to come through these next two bouts so that he may have his wish.

And if he does come through, he'll be a sucker if he doesn't go through with his idea and retire to his dude ranch in Michigan.

Joe Louis and his handlers realize all that, and the champion is just as determined to go through undefeated and then call it a career.

And, if he can do so it can hardly be argued that he didn't clean up the field and rated an end to the fighting career he launched seven years ago.

If Conn and Nova are disposed of satisfactorily the fight world might consider the job finished. Naturally, there would be dissenters.

There would be renewed the demand for another bout with Buddy Baer, another bout with Abe Simon, and a bout with the South American champion, Lovell, who whipped Godoy recently.

But such a program could go on and on, around and around, a continuous "Bum a Month" showing. Louis won't consent to that regardless of the wishes of his managers and the ace heavyweight promoter, Mike Jacobs.

The champion has plenty of dough, more than he'll ever need. He'd like to get away from the gymnasium and the training camp. It is just a continuous grind, work that is getting monotonous.

Compare Louis with some of the fun-loving champions of old—or if not fun-loving then work-dodging!

The old timers would fight once a year outdoors and then head for a long vacation. If they needed a little pin money they would do a vaudeville or exhibition tour. That didn't require training, and they had their fun en route.

Louis, on the other hand, has worked almost constantly since he first won the title.

The fact that he never went stale is another tribute to his physique. And, in a smaller way, to his trainers.

It really is remarkable when you think of the edge he has maintained through these seven years. A few times he looked a little dull—at least dull by comparison with his greater fights. But on the whole he has been keen enough. The opposition always thought so.

It is time for Louis to retire if he whips Conn and Nova.

There is a growing feeling among smart fight managers and observers that the Bomber is gradually descending, and that soon someone will take his crown.

In the first round at Washington it looked as if the end had come abruptly. A smarter and more agile opponent could have won. (Of course, one of the smarter or more agile opponents might never have thrown the Buddy Baer punch).

Should Conn or Nova once get the upper hand Joe Louis will miss some of his old dance partners—the ones who didn't know what step to take next. Conn or Nova will know.

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Louis plans to retire in the Fall!

But there is a growing feeling that he may not get to do so.

A year ago Joe could have retired easily—and gracefully.

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Atlanta, Georgia

All in The Game

BY JACK TROY

A Contradiction

Ancil Hoffman was not allowed to express his opinion on Mr. Bill Stern's broadcast of the Louis-Baer heavyweight championship fight Friday night in Washington.

"I think it was the rawest . . ." Ancel Hoffman started, and that was as far as he got.

Interrupting in an aloof, cold-voiced fashion, Bill Stern said, "I am sorry, Mr. Hoffman, that is only one man's opinion."

Just before that Bill Stern had assured a listening audience, in positive, authoritative fashion, that Joe Louis had not heard the bell when he hit Baer, who was walking back to his corner.

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Is Bill Stern twins? How many men's opinion was Bill Stern's? How does Bill Stern KNOW Joe Louis didn't hear the bell?

I am not claiming Louis intentionally fouled Baer, who was helpless to ward off an unexpected after-the-bell punch, but I do think, in fairness to all concerned, that Bill Stern went a long way out of his way to make a definite statement that he KNEW Louis had not heard the bell.

And Mr. Hoffman, Baer's manager, can be thankful for the American press and the freedom thereof. One man's opinion is still worth something in the American press. Your newspaper cheerfully gives audience to both sides.

Takes Joe Longer

It is no secret any longer, as the Baer fight pointedly bore out, that Louis now has to throw a lot of Sunday punches to drop opponents.

According to the round-by-round account, Baer absorbed countless wallops to the head and chin and kept on coming. He might have been good for several more rounds except for that ill-timed last punch. For he was on his feet headed for his corner when it landed.

The fight apparently revealed a new Louis vulnerability. Not that the first-round knockdown by Baer meant so much, but the fact that Baer messed up one of Louis' eyes seems significant.

Cuts around the eyes ruined Henry Armstrong. He even underwent operations, but the old wounds were reopened by ripping gloves just as easily.

Baer got to both the Louis eyes and chin. And he is no great fighter, as heavyweight challengers should be measured. He is just one of many ordinary heavyweights.

It took a lot of Louis' Sunday punches to dispose of Abe Simon. Either Louis' steam is going or his hands are softening up. One of the two.

And yet, on the other hand, Louis has plenty of time to soften up before being in real danger of losing his title. There still are no real challengers in sight. And he still has Mike Jacobs.

And, by the way, what ever became of Tony Galento?

Grid Outlook

Regarding the outlook for conference football in the fall, Harry Mehre, Ole Miss coach, writes:

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"We can't tell just what is going to happen within the next thirty or ninety days. We have at least twenty of our varsity men well up on the list, and if they get taken, we will not be able to do much. I personally believe that if this happens to us, it will work the same in most every other school, and the conference will meet and vote next year's freshmen eligible."

There is a difference of opinion among the coaches. W. A. Alexander, Georgia Tech, doesn't believe there will be any conference action regarding players this next season. Alex recalled what happened in the last war.

"There was nothing done in 1917, but in 1918, when this country got in the war, only kids under 21 were left in an organization known as Students' Army Training Corps. Anybody could play, but the year did not count against the player," Alex pointed out.

Memorable Rounds

By an odd coincidence Bob Jones shot a 29 at East Lake on the same afternoon Kenneth Rogers was playing at Candler Park.

It was not a coincidence they happened to be playing different courses together. I don't mean that. But it does strike one as odd that Jones should shoot his lowest score and Rogers his highest at approximately the same time.

We won't go into too many details of what Rogers' highest score amounts to, but in fairness to the demon photographer we will say he made a last-ditch battle. In fact, he battled from ditch to ditch.

Clint Davis, of the U. S. Forest Service, is interested in the preservation of trees and was distressed at the way Rogers made the bark fly.

Genuine Feud

Take a tip. There is a genuine feud between Red Singleton and a couple of factions entered in the 100-mile race at Lakewood park this afternoon. Anything might happen.

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How the mighty have fallen! Those Crackers actually lost more games than they won on a road trip. The record was three wins and four losses. They start another home stay today against Chattanooga. A double-header is scheduled, and the noble lads may be expected to start another winning streak.

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Ye old managing editor, Nate Noble, had been looking forward to an annual meeting of outdoor writers and sports editors at Ocala, Fla. And then just three days before the event sickness confined him in a hospital. If we catch a lot of big fish, he'll have a difficult time recovering.

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New York, N. Y.

35,000 SEE BOMBER TRIUMPH ON A FOUL

Baer, Floored After Bell in 6th, Loses When His Pilot Stays in Ring Protesting

LOUIS IS DOWN IN FIRST

Comes Back After Being Sent Through Ropes—Washington Bout Packed With Thrills

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Joe Louis was successful in the seventeenth defense of his heavyweight championship of the world when he defeated the ponderous Buddy Baer in Griffith Stadium tonight.

The mere statement of the champion's victory, however, leaves no room to express the drama, excitement, surprise and uncertainty in a contest that contained more thrills than any heavyweight title bout since the oft-referred-to classic between Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo in 1923.

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Arthur Donovan, who refereed tonight's clash, named Louis the winner on a foul in the seventh round, but before the bell sounded for that last official session of the scheduled fifteen-round encounter the 35,000 fans in the ball yard had been treated to the spectacle of Joe Louis on the floor, Joe Louis out of the ring, Joe Louis holding, Joe Louis clinching, and Joe Louis bleeding.

Baer Absorbs Punishment

In addition, they had also seen the towering Baer absorb an unbelievable amount of punishment in his own right, a punishment that reached its culmination in the sixth round when he was sent sprawling to the canvas three times.

It was as the result of Baer's final trip to the floor in the sixth that the fight had its unique ending. Louis, after taking a pretty bad beating in the fifth, launched a savage, merciless attack on his foe in the sixth, pounding him without let-up about the head.

The accumulation of those punches

wore down Baer, and he went down the first time under the force of a right to the face. The challenger pulled himself to his feet at the count of seven, but Joe sprang at him quickly and soon had him down again with a lightning left and right to the jaw.

Challenger Gets to Feet

Baer appeared to be completely out on this knockdown and the fans were hailing Louis with a thunderous roar of acclaim, but, miracle of miracles, the doughty Baer, whose courage in the past has been questioned, climbed to his feet just before the count of ten was tolled. Just as the challenger reached his feet the bell rang, but the contestants did not seem to hear it, and neither did Donovan.

Sensing a knockout triumph, Louis let fly with a long right to the chin, and down went Buddy again.

The challenger's handlers, Ray Arcey and Izzy Kline, rushed to the fallen fighter and hauled him to his corner. They, together with manager Ancil Hoffman, worked over him through the rest period, but Baer seemed far from recovered when the signal sounded for the seventh round.

With the bell, Hoffman placed himself in front of his fighter, who remained perched on his stool, while Louis advanced to midring to continue, or conclude hostilities. Donovan waved, then shouted at Hoffman to leave the ring and allow matters to proceed. Hoffman refused, insisting that the blow that felled Buddy the last time was a foul one, delievered at an illegal time, and that his charge deserved the award.

Reason for Disqualification

Once more Donovan ordered Hoffman to leave, and again the manager refused. As a point of observation, it may here be stated that the presence of a fighter's handler in the ring after time is called is a foul and reason for disqualification. Donovan invoked this rule after Hoffman's refusal, and announced that Louis was the winner on just that technicality.

The fight by rounds follows:

First Round

They traded lefts and Louis closed in. He half spun Baer with a left and right to the head. Baer clinched and drove a right to the heart. Baer hooked a right to the head and rushed Joe to the ropes. Baer drove a glancing right uppercut to the chin.

Louis hooked a left to the head. Baer drove a left and a right to the body. Baer hooked a left to the chin and put Louis through the ropes. Louis was back in the ring at the count of four. The fighters thought they heard the bell and retreated to their corners, but Donovan ordered them to resume fighting. Louis landed a left to the face at the bell.

Second Round

Baer rushed the champion and drove both hands to the body. Louis sent three straight jabs to the head. Louis rocked Baer with a right to the head. Baer returned a hard left to the head. Louis missed a left to the face.

Louis bounced a right off Baer's jaw. Louis chopped a right to the face, but Baer rushed him and drove Joe to the ropes. Louis stabbed several lefts to the face. Louis bombarded Baer's head with both hands. Baer landed a sharp left to the face. Louis fired a right to the kidney, but Baer came back with a left to the chest. Louis rocked Baer with a right to the face just before the bell.

Third Round

Louis shot a straight left to the face. Baer danced away from a left hook. Louis took a left on the head and ducked a long right for the face. Baer drove a long right to the body and hooked a left to the head. Louis shot two lefts to the face at short distance, then shot a right to the head.

The Bomber drove four straight lefts to the face and a long right to the ribs. Louis missed a right and left to the head and Baer drove a right to the heart. They traded hard lefts to the head and Baer shook the champion with a right to the head.

Fourth Round

Baer stabbed a long left to the body and then drove a right to the head. Louis sent a right to the head and drove both hands to the body. They traded rights to the body.

Joe landed a sharp right to the jaw and followed with several lefts to the head. Buddy advanced but took two more lefts to the head. At close quarters Baer leaned on Joe and fired both hands to the body. Louis hooked a left to the body and shot a right to the jaw.

Baer chopped a left to the head and Louis missed a right to the chin. Louis shot two lefts to the face at the bell.

Fifth Round

Baer stabbed a left to the head. Louis drove Baer's head back with a straight left. Louis crouched but did not throw a punch. Standing straight, the champion bounced two fast lefts off Baer's chin. Baer landed a right to the face and followed with two lefts to the head.

Joe's left eye was puffy and he drew a thumb across it several times. Baer, aroused at the sight of Louis's bad eye, sprang forward and drove both hands to the head. At long range Baer made the eye the target for his straight lefts. Louis hooked a left to the face and an uppercut to the chin, but Baer trotted forward, nevertheless.

Sixth Round

Louis hooked a left to the face and drove a left to the body. Louis hooked two more lefts to the head. Baer advanced and sent a short left to the face. Louis hooked a left to the head and drove a left to the body. Louis sent two rights to the kidneys, then drove a left to Baer's midsection.

Baer took a hard right to the jaw and clinched. At close range they stood straight and traded with both hands until Louis held. Louis floored Baer with a right to the face. Baer was up at seven and Louis fired two more rights to the head. The champion measured his foe and missed with a right.

Louis floored Baer with a left and right to the head and Baer took the count of nine. As Baer arose Louis smashed him to the canvas with a right to the jaw.

Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager, insisted that the bell had rung before Louis floored Buddy a second time.

When the bell sounded for the seventh round Hoffman refused to allow Baer to return. Referee Donovan thereupon disqualified Baer because of Hoffman's presence in the ring during round time.

Prospects for the fight's being held were dark when a heavy rainfall and thunderstorm occurred at about 4 o'clock. The storm lasted about a half hour, but it caused considerable concern among the members of Promoter Mike Jacobs's entourage. The promoter's office was flooded with telephone calls from fans eager to know if a postponement had been decided on.

All callers were told no official word would be forthcoming until 7:30, at which time the skies were clear and balmy. A half-hour later, however, the situation took a turn for the worse, and early arrivals at the ball park had to sit through a slight drizzle. Newsboys did a thriving business selling their wares as shields and seat covers.

First Bout on Schedule

The downpour ceased after a few minutes and the first bout went on exactly on schedule.

A pair of Texans, Jay Turner of Dallas and Willie (Babe) Ritchie of Lubbock, collided in the four-rounder that opened the program. Turner received the decision in a bout that was willingly fought. The winner weighed 214 pounds, five more than his opponent.

Holman Williams, Detroit Negro, received the decision over Jimmy Leto, Hartford. Conn., veteran, in a six-rounder. The contest was well fought. Williams's greater speed and sharper punches earned him the award.

Williams weighed 151 and Leto 145.

Erwin (Kay) Kaplan of Los Angeles received the decision over Wickie Harkin, Philadelphia welterweight, in a six-rounder. The weights were 146½ for the winner and 142¾ for Harkin.

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Louis-Baer Title Fight By Rounds

ROUND ONE

Baer came out with his chin well covered by his left shoulder. They exchanged short left hooks. Louis spun Buddy half around with a hard right to the head. In close, each dug both hands to the body. Louis bounced two short hooks off the jaw and took one in return. Baer fired a short right to the head in a half clinch. Louis crossed a hard right to the chin. Louis hooked a left to the jaw. Baer dug left and right to the body as he went into a clinch. Baer knocked Louis through the ropes with a short hard left hand for a count of three. Louis climbed back through the ropes and fought off Buddy's rush. Each thought he heard the bell ring and walked toward his corner. But it was an [illegible] and Referee Donovan motioned [illegible] to continue to fight. They exchang[illegible] two short lefts at the bell. aBer round.

ROUND TWO

Buddy charged in close and dug both hands to the body. Baer bounced left and right off the head. Louis staggered Baer with left and right to the jaw and then hurt Buddy with a flurry of half-dozen more punches. Baer charged back and they staged a sharp flurry in the middle of the ring. Louis measured Baer with three smashing rights but Baer took them and fought back. Louis bounced a smashing left and right off Buddy's jaw. Baer dug a one-two into the face. Both threw punches at the body at will. Baer hooked a left to the head. Louis swung a hard right and a left to the nose at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND THREE

Ringside officials announced that the count on Louis' knockdown in first round was four, not three. They traded sharp left jabs to the head. Louis poked a hard left under Buddy's eye and bounced another off his nose. In a half clinch, they dug lefts and rights into the body.

The action was slower in this round. They exchanged short hooks to the head. Then oJe stabbed Baer with half a dozen sharp jabs. Baer threw two rights at oJe's ribs and Louis' left side showed a splotch of red.

With heads together, they fired hooks at each others jaw. Louis bounced a right off the nose and took a hard right to the heart and another to the cheek in return. Louis threw a right at the bell. Louis round.

ROUND FOUR

Buddy threw both hands to the head and then landed a left and two more rights on Joe's ear. Baer landed a short right that raised a mouse under Joe's eye. Louis tried four straight lefts to the head and followed up with two short rights. Joe snapped Buddy's head back with a straight left. In close quarters, Baer continued to dig his right into Joe's ribs while the champion threw short uppercuts to Baer's face.

They traded left hooks. The action was mostly at close quarters with each mauling the other with short punches. A hook brought a trace of blood to Louis' lip. Louis threw a left to the head at the bell. Louis' round.

ROUND FIVE

Joe hooked to Buddy's jaw and took a left and right high in the head in return. Louis smashed Buddy with a hard left hook to the eye. Baer threw a left hook to the ear and a right to the jaw and then backed Louis into his own corner with lefts and rights to the head.

They mauled each other about the head at close quarters. A hard right opened a cut under Joe's eye. Joe was throwing desperation punches now and went into a half crouch to get at close quarters and fire his right. Buddy, meantime, just stayed on top. Louis threw a smashing hook to the jaw that staggered Baer and then threw both hands to the head until the bell. Baer was hurt. Baer's round.

ROUND SIX

Baer hooked a left to the head. Joe dug his left three times into the body. Louis crossed a hard right to the jaw but Baer fought back at close quarters. Joe snapped Buddy's head back with a short left. Baer bounced a right off Joe's ear. Joe hurt Buddy with a hard left and then measured him against the ropes with two stiff rights. Louis landed with both hands almost at will as Baer was unable to get into close quarters.

Baer was taking frightful punishment. Baer suddenly came out of it and threw both hands to Joe's head. Louis measured Baer with a smashing right hand that floored Buddy for a count of six. Louis charged in and pummeled the challenger.

A right hand dropped Buddy flat on his back. He rolled over and ust got up as the referee started to say "Ten." Louis charged across the ring as the bell rang and just as the gong sounded caught Buddy with a fearful right hand that floored Buddy again. Baer's handlers dragged him to his corner, but when the bell rang starting the seventh round, his manager, Ancil Hoffman, refused to permit him to continue, claiming Louis' final punch had been struck after the bell ending the sixth round, thus giving the fight to Baer. Referee Donovan, however, refused to permit this claim and awarded Louis a victory by disqualifying Baer for not coming out to start this round.

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Louis Defends Title in Ring Where He Captured 1st Crown

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ST. LOUIS, [AP] — Joe Louis probably will do a little reminiscing as he climbs into the ring for his sixteenth title defense here Tuesday.

To most fight fans his championship match with Tony Musto is winked at as just another stop on his "fight-a-month" parade.

But to Joe it will be more like another homecoming.

It was just seven years ago next week that the Brown Bomber, known as plain Joe Louis, Detroit Negro Golden Gloves whirlwind, came to St. Louis to win his first major national title and start his sensational climb to fame and fortune.

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Fighting as a light-heavyweight he won the national AAU crown and started tongues wagging all over the country, predicting a great future for him. Everyone knows what happened.

This tournament was staged in the same St. Louis arena where Joe will engage Musto, squat Chicagoan, April 8. It will be Louis' first appearance in the ring here since that time and advance ticket sales indivate the ringside crowd will include many of the same fans who saw him then as a sober-faced 19-year-old kid.

Spectators booed Louis in two tournament matches because they thought he let up on opponents just when they were ripe for the kill. But they didn't know Joe was fighting under the handicap of a broken bone in one hand and boils under both arms.

He won his first and third bouts on technical knockouts, the second by default and the championship with a knockout over Ario Soldati of Chicago.

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"He looked the best in the final bout," the Post-Dispatch said the following day, "and it was only then that virtually all observers agreed he was the outstanding boxer in the tournament."

He floored Soldati with a right hand punch for the count of nine and when the Chicago boy got up Louis met him with another terrific right. The referee didn't even bother to count 10.

Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

JOE LOUIS ADDS $17,468 PURSE, MUSTO TO LIST

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Release Galento's Share in Fiasco with Baer.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9 (AP).—There was considerable change today in the plans Promoter Mike Jacobs and Joe Louis had lined up for the busiest summer a heavyweight boxing champion ever faced.

Out of Tony Musto's gallant nine-round stand against Louis here last night, and Buddy Baer's victory over Tony Galento in Washington, came a complete switch in the lineup. The way things stand now, this is how Jacobs and Louis' managers tentatively have agreed to go on with Joe's fight-a-month campaign:

1—Buddy Baer in Washington in May.

2—Abe Simon, originally the May opponent in a rematch of a 13-round bout with Louis in Detroit, in June in New York.

3—Billy Conn, the light heavyweight champion, whose chances were helped considerably by Joe's poor showing last night, in July, probably in New York.

4—Old man par in August, because Louis wants a month off to play golf, especially in a tournament he's arranging for his dude ranch in Michigan.

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5—Lou Nova, conqueror of Max Baer, in September.

Louis collected $17,468,52 for last night's bout, and the Conn and Nova matches are expected to draw over $200,000 each, and the others are looked to get into six figures without much trouble.

No one in the inner circles, particularly Jacobs, was too disappointed over Louis' off-form flailling last night. The way Musto stood up under Joe's jolts added thousands of dollars to the gates of his next few starts.

Musto was paid 15 per cent, or $6,550.70 for last night's bout. Louis won on a technical knockout in the ninth round.

Mike Jacobs, copromoter, announced the gross receipts as $52,592.50, and the paid attendance as 17,472.

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A total of 8,921.19 was paid in federal, state, city and sales taxes.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Game Foe Battered By Joe

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Referee In Mercy Act, Halts Fight

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ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(SNS)—Joe Louis successfully defended his world heavyweight title for the sixteenth time here Monday night, but game, crouching Tony Musto, the Blue Island, Illinois, "creeper" won the plaudits of a howling throng when, after being floored in the third round for a count of six, he got up and carried the fight to the champion until midway the ninth stanza. At that point, Referee Arthur Donovan, showing what was unquestionably an act of mercy, stopped the contest and spared the tired, staggering challenger further punishment.

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Musto fought in a deep crouch and bobbed and weaved like Arturo Godoy, the Chilean who once went the fifteen round route against Louis and forced him to eight rounds in a return match. The Brown Bomber said Musto fought even lower than Godoy and was much harder to hit.

MUSTO, "FREAK"

To picture the problem Louis had on his hands, one must imagine the bizarre sight of Louis, ranging 6 feet, 2 inches in height, swapping punches with a tough hombre only 5 feet, 7 1-4 inches tall. Louis tipped the beams at 203, Musto at 197.

Musto was, in truth, something of a freak, having, despite his almost midget stature, compared with Louis opponents, a reach of no less than 76 inches—the same span as the champion himself. This phenomenon gave the Illinoisan all the appearance of a chunky, charging gorilla. And he was about that tough.

MIRACULOUS STAMINA

In fairness to Louis, it must be reported the champion won every round of the nine the contest lasted and, at every turn, threw jolting left hooks and right crosses, stinging jabs, and jarring uppercuts. Time and again, he powered lefts and rights over the challenger's heart—blows packing nothing but mayhem. Still Musto stayed there, nose bloody, eyes almost unseeing, and legs unsteady — but staying there just the same.

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Only once in the fight did Louis have Musto flat on the floor. That was in the third when he threw what must easily have been more than 100 lefts and rights to drop the challenger for a count of six. He was back on his feet quickly, then charged very much like a guard on a football team, bolting Louis against the ropes and forcing the referee to warn him about butting tactics.

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ABE SIMON NEXT

Louis, now, must look forward to a May 16 title defense against Abe Simon in a return go. It will be the seventeenth time the champion has placed his crown on the line.

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AVERAGE DROPS

Louis, after winning the heavyweight title from Jimmy Braddock June 23, 1937 in Chicago, travelled only 41 rounds to stop his first eight challengers. When it took him nine round to tag Musto, it made 60 rounds he ha[s] gone in the last eight defenses.

Is Joe Louis slipping? Those ring experts who answer thi[s] question in the affirmative a[p]pear to have the right angle. T[he] pace of 16 title defenses in thr[ee years] seem to have taken their toll [on] the champion. Early retireme[nt] by Louis is unquestionably t[he] smart outlook.

New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Facts on the Fight

Principals—Joe Louis, Detroit, champion, vs. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, challenger.

Title at Stake — World heavyweight championship.

Length of Bout—Fifteen rounds to a decision.

Place—Polo Grounds, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Time—10 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Postponement Date—Tomorrow.

Probable Attendance—40,000.

Probable Receipts—$325,000.

Betting—1 to 4, Louis the favorite.

Purses—Louis to receive 40 per cent and Conn 20 per cent of the net receipts.

Officials—Referee and judges to be selected at the ringside by the State Athletic Commission.

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Promoter — Twentieth Century S. C., Mike Jacobs, president; Nat Rogers, matchmaker.

Prices of Tickets—$25, $16.50, $11.50, $5.75, $3.50, $2.50, all reserved seats and all prices including taxes.

Time of First Bout—8:30 P. M.

Gates Open—6 P. M.

Radio Broadcast — Over Mutual Broadcasting System, Station WOR.

Preliminaries — Tommy Tucker, U. S. Navy, vs. Charley Harvey, West Side; Holman Williams, Detroit, vs. Antonio Fernandez, Chile; Herbie Katz, Brownsville, vs. Buddy Moore, Harlem; Johnny Cregan, Pittsburgh, vs. Larry Fontana, Brooklyn, six-round bouts. Joe Basora, Puerto Rico, vs. Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn, four rounds.

Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

On the Line

—With CONSIDINE

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Joe's Hands Suffer the Most

St. Louis, Mo., April 9 (INS).—Joe Louis' bum-of-the-month tour, which ended here last night when Joe jabbed tough Tony Musto into a bad smear, added nothing to his luster as a great champion. And it may have given him something he never had—bad hands.

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The ring finger on his right hand was swollen double size when Jack Blackburn cut the gloves off him after the Musto fight. The left was sore, too, but the right was sore enough for Joe to comment upon. He told reporters that he had hurt it in the fight against Abe Simon in Detroit and that it hadn't had time to heal. How much he aggravated it remains to be seen.

"I favored my right against Musto," Joe said in his dressing room after the fight. "I was afraid I might break it on the top of his head. That's all he'd give me to hit." Blackburn quickly changed the subject.

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Louis had perfect hands for a long time, maybe the most perfect a heavyweight champion ever had.. They were made to absorb the tremendous power his shoulders put into his good punches. There was never any soaking of them in brine or other hardening processes. They were just good hands—as good as they say Fitzsimmons' were bad. The back of his right hand buckled a little on him in the Carnera fight, but it mended nicely during the layoff which preceded his Baer fight.

His active schedule of late hasn't given his fists time enough to heal between engagements. And this fact showed itself in his rather conservative punching against Burman, his tentative slugging against Simon after the first round, and against Musto, whom he beat mostly with his magnificent jab. The punch with which he knocked out Gus Dorazio was an awe-provoking exception.

Joe is now plainly nervous about fighting against weaving and bobbing opponents. He takes no chances of wading into them, getting down and straightening them up with uppercuts. He doesn't want to hit any boney matter which might crack his dukes, which certainly have been made more brittle of late, for his dukes are his fortune. If they get no worse they can bring him another half-million dollars to keep for himself. If they get worse they may hurt his hitting power so much that all he will have left is his boxing ability, and he's not a good enough boxer to beat a fellow like Conn or perhaps Nova.

'Easing Up' Process in Evidence

Speaking of Conn, Billy is among those who do not think that Billy Conn should be sidetracked out of a June fight against Joe Louis in order to make way for Lou Nova.

"Me give up that June fight just to make room for that big loogan?" Handsome Willie said at ringside last night. "Why, that's as crazy as Nova's Yogi stuff. I signed to fight Louis in June and I'm not going to get rooked out of it. Who did Nova ever lick?"

Somebody said Baer.

"Who couldn't?" Conn scoffed. "Your little brother could lick Baer if he stayed a couple of rounds. Baer's the quitting champ. Beating him is nothing. That Nova, where does he get all that stuff? And that Yogi business. Galento must've knocked him silly. And how about the big bum saying he knocked out Baer with a 'cosmetic' punch? (Ed. note: Nova said "cosmic.") What the heck is a 'cosmetic' punch—the big phoney? I could lick him with one hand."

Who Wants to Wrestle, Anyway?

Conn doesn't plan to fight any more before he meets Louis. "Why should I?" he asked. "I've beaten all the guys they asked me to beat. Besides, everybody I fight now want to rassle with me, just to make me look bad."

Conn kids Louis a lot when he sees him. "Listen, Louis," he said when he met Joe before the Musto fight, "don't get careless and let this bum beat you. Save yourself for me, pally." Louis just chuckled, but after the fight with the squat-tag Musto he must have been thinking about Conn. For he said, "I like them stand-up-straight fighters to fight against. Fellows like Billy Conn." The picture Conn's name made in Joe's brain caused a slow smile to spread over his honest brown pan.

The gate of $52,993.75 for the Louis-Musto fight brought Joe's combined gates for the bum-of-the-month fights to more than $200,000—which may be balm enough for his sore hands today, for Joe gets to keep about a quarter out of every dollar he makes.

The $52,933.75 sum breaks the record for a St. Louis fight The old mark was set ten years ago by Primo Carnera and Chuck Wiggins. By a coincidence the crowd at the Louis-Musto match was uplifted last night by the presence in the press box of Carnera's chief proprietor, Owney Madden.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Joe Louis, Entire Negro Race Belittled In Leaflets Issued

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DETROIT— (ANP)— While most people here are still commenting favorably about the radio program over a nationwide hookup sponsored by the Urban League Sunday, March 20, at which time a plea was made for jobs for Negroes in industry in connection with the defense program, one organzaition here known as the Atlas Power group, strikes a sour note and severely criticises the program in particular and the Negro in general

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The Atlas Power group, headed by Arthur Reed, is circulating leaflets entitled, "Claim Your Heritage," with a sub-head: "Don't Let Injury Follow Insult." After having made an overture of no apologies for the statements, the leaflet said of the "supposedly Negro leaders": "We heard 'Mammy' Ethel Waters, Uncle Toms and the professional flunkies, Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson, Rochester, Joe Louis Barrow and others. Such a program was the most dastardly insult and show of ignorance ever heaped upon the heads of a race of people."

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SLAP AT WHOLE RACE

The pamphlet takes a slap at ministers, churches, religion Negro business. He says Negroes have no right to even dare to approach the great industrial leaders while Negroes will spend $35,000 to $100,000 for amusement places for "a pleasure drunk race."

"Our most worthy champion, Joe Louis," the leaflet expounds, "and even his managers have no background but that of the average poor Negro yet thousands of the same class of which they were birthed stand by and see them squander thousands of dollars on such things as golf links, amusement farm, riding academy, club houses and petty insurance companies."

VICTIM OF "COMPLEX"

Mr. Reed, head of the Atlas Power group, is an inventor of sorts. He has a brake which he has been endeavoring to manufacture for some time. The sale of stock in the company he reprsents has not been satisfactory and it seems that the group is sore with the world because the race cannot see the prospects of the company's the prospects of the company's future development. He strikes at the ministers because, as the leaflet says, the preachers would not allow him to sell the idea in their churches and solicit funds for its manufacture.

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The power group has a yearn to build factories and employ the masses of Negroes and wants it to be done with Negro capital, having refused white interests. They say the thing that has kept the race poor is the fact that "we have $200,000,000 worth of churches and $198,000,000 worth of Masonic, Pythian, Odd Fellow, Elks and Woodman temples and lodge property, but not a penny for industries of our own."

Pathfinder
Washington, D. C.

Sports Briefs

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Detroit's famed "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis knocked out Gus Dorazio of Philadelphia in the second round of their scheduled 15-round title match in the Quaker City. It was Joe's 14th successful defense of his heavyweight title. . . • Economy may result in Bill Broderick, Salem (Mass.) High School football coach losing his claim to title of the nation's highest paid schoolboy grid mentor. A movement is afoot to slice his $6,700 salary, which is more than the mayor gets. . . • John Kimbrough, Texas A & M's all-American football star, has signed contracts amounting to some $37,500 as a combination professional player and showman, but wonders if he'll ever collect. He is a senior in the R. O. T. C. and subject to selective service. . . • Henry Picard, Hershey, Pa., pro, won the New Orleans Open Golf Tournament with a 276—eight strokes under his 1939 record in the same event. . . • Honus "Flying Dutchman" Wagner, Pittsburgh Pirate coach, is starting his 45th year in baseball. He signed his first contract in 1895.